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Larger waste and recycling site being considered

TIP MAY STAY – AND GET BIGGER

Report by Richard Guttridge

DUDLEY borough's main tip in Stourbridge could be made bigger, according to the council's new environment boss.

Incoming environment boss Khurshid Ahmed, part of the council's new Labour administration, said he would not only consider keeping the existing waste site in Birmingham Street open but he could see it expanded.

Both Labour and Conservative-controlled councils have faced a headache about how to solve the borough's need for a bigger tip.

Labour's plan to move to the Leys Depot in Brierley Hill was rejected by the Tories when they took control of the council last year, after they insisted it would create traffic chaos.

Cllr Khurshid Ahmed

Then Tory councillor Karen Shakespeare said that leaders were considering alternative sites. Now Councillor Ahmed says 'all options' are back on the table but suggested the council could now favour an expansion of the existing site.

Options

"There are a few options available at the moment," he explained. "We need to explore what is already on the cards as well as expanding at Stourbridge.

"We are looking at the financial issues. We also want to make it easily accessible, so we need to look at the impact that would have.It needs to be considered carefully."

Meanwhile, the tip and recycling centre is set to close later this month for essential maintenance work. It will be shut all day on Thursday, October 25. The closure is to allow for work repairing surfaces and replacing bollards.

It is expected to be open again the following day, with residents urged to use alternative facilities at Anchor Lane, Wolverhampton, during the closure.

GLASS BLOWERS' SKILLS ARE CRYSTAL CLEAR

Kirsty Macaulay, of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, takes a closer look at the crystal racing helmet made using Stourbridge expertise

GLASS blowers from Stourbridge have helped make a stunning crystal replica of a racing helmet worn by Formula 1 star Susie Wolff.

The sculpture was created by artist Angela Palmer, who described Wolff as 'gifted and fearless'. It has been acquired by the Scottish National Portrait Gallery in Edinburgh where it will go on display shortly.

Wolff, from Oban in Argyll and Bute, retired from F1 driving in 2015 and founded Dare to be Different, an initiative that aims to increase the number of women participating in motor sport.

She said: "I think the sculpture is stunning and very striking, it's the most incredible combination of strength with fragility.

""I'm delighted to see both sport and art combined in such a brilliant and personal piece of work."

Palmer worked with a team of master glass blowers in Stourbridge who made a mould of Wolff's helmet in brass. Molten lead crystal glass was then blown into the mould to create the work.

Gallery directors hailed the work as 'elegant and intriguing'.

PLANNING

New boss to review travellers' transit site

PLANS for a travellers' transit site in Coseley have officially been put on hold while council bosses review the decision.

New leader of Dudley Council, Labour's Councillor Pete Lowe, said they had a duty to ensure the right decision was made over the proposed site in Budden Road.

The temporary stay site had been earmarked for a 40-pitch site and received planning permission in May, despite a 1,000-name petition against it and a barrage of complaints from residents and Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden.

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CHURCH

Vicar outlines the future of building

THE future is looking bright for Dudley's Top Church where more than 130 people turned out on Sunday to hear how the town landmark will be preserved for generations to come.

Vicar of St Thomas and St Luke, the Rev James Treasure, wants to encourage more people through the doors, transforming the building into a community-friendly 'resourcing church'.

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POLICE

Two men stabbed in early hours incident

POLICE are investigating after two men were stabbed on Rowley Regis street at the weekend.

Police were called to High Street, where the men had been attacked. They were taken to hospital shortly after the incident at 1.30am on Sunday. Officers are looking at CCTV in the area and anyone with information is urged to call 101.

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Back to the 80s at hospice fundraiser

A colourful team at the Neon Run

SUPPORTERS of Mary Stevens Hospice raced back to the 1980s for the Neon Run at Himley Hall on Friday that raise around £7,000 for the charity.

A Flock of 80s tribute band, playing hits from the New Romantic decade, entertained the crowd of fluorescent clad runners alongside fire-breathers, a bhangra band and DJ playing 80s hit.

Charlotte Schofield, Head of Fundraising and Lottery at Mary Stevens Hospice said: "We'd just like to take a moment to thank everyone who joined us back in 1985 for our fabulous Neon Night Run!

"Everyone from the performers to the supporters made such an incredible effort and to see a sea of people just enjoying themselves and the company of their community is a memory I'll enjoy for the rest of my life.

Brilliant

"The fact that coming and having a brilliant night with us has made care possible for a family in need is just the most overwhelming feeling and we're so grateful for the support we receive time and time again."

Among the attractions was an American DeLorean sports car, same as the iconic vehicle used in classic 1980s movie Back To The Future.

It marked the third year the fundraising event has been held, although the date this year had to be switched so it did not clash with another event in the grounds of Himley Hall.

The Hagley Road hospice, in Oldswinford, cares for people with life-limiting illness and helps their families.

Pregnant robber in attack on taxi driver

A PREGNANT woman and her partner in crime robbed a taxi driver after quibbling over a £20 fare in Dudley.

Marie Pritchard and Michael Ward snatched their taxi fare back from the driver before stealing his keys and mobile phone during the robbery.

The pair, both aged 31, robbed the cabbie on April 6 last year whilst on bail for a string of offences. They had been picked up in Coseley's Castle Street before disagreeing about paying with a £20 or two £10 notes at about 1.45am. In St James's Road Ward opened the passenger door and tried to grab the fare from the driver. He struck the driver on the head, stole the fare and the victim's phone. Pritchard grabbed keys from the ignition.

It came after an incident which saw the pair visiting the Tividale home of the parents of a man Ward had 'problems' with. Ward kicked the front door and Pritchard pushed her way into the house during the early hours of January 15 last year.

Drunk Pritchard brandished a wine bottle and an 'agitated' Ward held a blade, saying: "I'm going to stab him."

More than £7,000 of damage was caused outside the property as Ward smashed a car windscreen, damaged a wing mirror and tyre. Armed with a metal bar, he then drove to the home of his mother's friend, smashing her windscreen, house windows and front door.

Defence barrister Mr Sunit Sandhu said Ward wanted to apologise, adding: "This was a drunken haze." Ms Samantha Forsythe, defending Pritchard, said she has realised she 'has to change'. She gave birth to her and Ward's son while in custody

Ward, of Tower Street, Dudley, was jailed for 52 months while Pritchard, of no fixed abode, was jailed for 48 months. Both admitted robbery and affray. Ward also admitted making a threat to kill, possession of a bladed article and criminal damage. Pritchard admitted being in breach of previous court orders.

Hundreds at first Duncan Edwards day

Family members Sidney Edwards, Roger Brownhill, Lawrence Brownhill, Keith Edwards and Dusky Edwards

THE First Duncan Edwards Day saw hundreds of people attend a ceremony beside his statue in Dudley town centre on Monday.

It was held on what would have been the football legend's 82nd birthday.

Relatives of the Manchester United and England footballer – who died aged 21 from injuries sustained in the Munich air disaster in 1958 – were among those attending.

Mayor of Dudley Councillor Alan Taylor joined members of the Edwards family as they laid a wreath in remembrance at the foot of Duncan's statue. Organisers estimated at least 300 people attended.

Dusky Edwards, 49, Duncan's second cousin and a trustee of the Duncan Edwards Foundation, said: "It really warms me, how this young man touched so many lives. Duncan would have loved what we are doing with the community.""

Football freestyler Ewan Baggot performed and a choir from Duncan's old school Priory Primary sang.

Passengers shocked by violence at bus station

A WOMAN was grabbed by the neck and assaulted in an attack at Stourbridge bus station.

The attack took place at the bus station on Vauxhall Road as commuters and shoppers made their way home at around 5pm on Friday.

But the woman and her attacker are both said to have left the area before police officers arrived at the scene.

One passenger took to social media following the incident to say what she had seen had left her shaken.

The witness said: "Security needed on Stourbridge bus station ASAP. Woman being attacked by a man. He's putting his hands round her neck and mouthing off at everyone.

"He came over and put his hand round her neck and pushed her back towards the window. Then walked off and was having a go at someone else. Then came back to have a go at her again and threatened to beat her up."

Officers are now appealing for anyone with information to get in touch.

A spokesman added that they believe they have now identified the woman but enquiries are on-going.

Anyone with information can call West Midlands Police on 101,or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Two arrests after dawn police raids

DAWN raids in the Black Country have seen to two men being arrested as part of an operation following more than a dozen break-ins at factories, businesses and charity stores.

Thieves had targeted 14 commercial properties in Dudley and Staffordshire this summer – costing businesses £250,000 in damages and stolen property.

But a joint operation last week by Staffordshire and West Midlands Police saw two men, aged 27 and 29, were arrested on suspicion of burglary in Bilston and Low Hill, Wolverhampton.

Addresses in Willenhall, Heath Town, Fallings Park, Pennfields and Eastfield were also raided by police. This follows 14 commercial property burglaries in cluding in Kingswinford.

School car park call

FED-UP parents have demanded a new car park after complaining they have nowhere to pick up pupils near a Tipton school. More than 200 people have requested council bosses introduce a new car park on land near Joseph Turner Primary School, on Powis Avenue.

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Van driver mows down cyclist who punched him

A VAN driver from Netherton who deliberately mowed down a cyclist in Dudley in a revenge attack during a road rage clash is facing a long prison sentence.

Kalvinder Bhamra, aged 65, swerved his vehicle into 25-year-old John Carter after being twice punched to the ground by the bike rider moments earlier.

Trouble flared when Bhamra blocked part of the street while trying to turn his van right onto Halesowen Road from Baptist End Road in Netherton on August 1 last year. The stationary van was in the way of Mr Carter, who was cycling to work and stopped to shout abuse at the 65-year-old electrician.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that the cyclist admitted punching and kicking Bhamra after he got out of the vehicle, saying he felt threatened and that the driver has grabbed his bike and would not give it back.

A motorcyclist stopped, got between the pair and told them to grow up.

Mr Carter said: "After the motorcyclist left I went back to get my bike, put my headphones on and started riding. The next thing I knew I was crawling across the road onto the grass. I had no idea what had happened because I was hit from behind."

Bhamra told the court: "It was not my intention to cause him any harm. I was hoping to call the police and sort it out. My intention was to park behind him. I misjudged the distance."

Bhamra, from Chichester Avenue, enied causing grievous bodily harm but was found guilty by the jury who delivered a majority verdict of 11-1. He was remanded to be sentenced at a later date.

Paramedics are attacked at work

TWO out of every five paramedics in the Midlands have been attacked in the last year, according to a shocking new figures

Staff at West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) posted the highest figure of any trust in the country when asked if they had experienced physical violence from patients or other members of the public in the last 12 months while carrying out their vital job.

An NHS review of ambulance trusts by Lord Carter of Coles said the actual percentage could be far higher, as assaults against staff are no longer recorded nationally. The service said there had been 171 attacks since April. There were 410 in total in 2017/18. The review, which praised WMAS for its efficiency, said 40 per cent of its staff had come under attack.

Council leader calling for a 'fair deal'

Councillor Pete Lowe –

RETURNING council leader Pete Lowe has vowed to fight tooth and nail to stop cuts in Government funding that he fears will have denied Dudley borough £100 million by 2020.

The Labour councillor has also promised to review controversial proposals from the previous Conservative administration for a travellers' transit site in Budden Road, Coseley .

Councillor Lowe said he would make the battle against austerity his key priority after returning to the top job after Labour seized control of the authority by the slenderest margin.

The Conservatives were ousted by just one vote as former Conservative councillor Heather Rogers shifted allegiance to Labour during a crunch council meeting last Wednesday.

She criticised the Tory leadership saying a culture of 'bullying, victimisation and harassment' had been allowed. But Tory group leader Councillor Patrick Harley has dismissed calls for his resignation and has vowed to fight on, dubbing the claims by Councillor Rogers as 'vexatious'.

Councillor Lowe revealed that he would be writing to the Government to request a 'fair deal' for Dudley when the local government funding settlement is announced.

With the council's political power balance still on a knife edge, he called on Tory councillors to support Labour colleagues for 'the greater good' as local authority funding had reached crisis point with some councils running out of money.

He said:"We will need to work as all 72 councillors together. The financial issues of this borough will not change because of a change of leader. We have been cut by £76m since 2010 and it will be £100m by 2020. We are calling for a proper review of local authority funding that addresses the needs of the community. "

Hundreds join march to match for Ryan

HUNDREDS marched and attended a memorial football match in Stourbridge for footballer Ryan Passey, who was fatally stabbed in the town last year.

Ryan's family and friends were joined by hundreds of supporters as they marched through the town centre towards Stourbridge FC's War Memorial ground on High Street, Amblecote. Ryan had played for the Glassboys.

They were raising awareness about knife crime and calling for a change in the law to give families the opportunity to appeal jury decisions. Kobe Murray was acquitted of murder and manslaughter, following 24-year-old Ryan's stabbing at Chicago's night club.

Speeches made by deputy leader of Dudley Council, Councillor Judy Foster, assistant police and crime commissioner Ashley Bertie and Mayor Councillor Alan Taylor.

Stourbridge MP Margot James, who supports the family campaign, attended the community event and match between Wolves All-stars and a Justice for Ryan team.

Emotional

His mother Gillian Taylor said: "It's overwhelming the amount of people that have turned up, it's so emotional and I'm so glad for all the support we've had.

"Ryan was such a popular happy-go-lucky chap and was loved by everyone, it just shows with the amount of people that have turned out for him. It's just amazing.

"We want to change the law, that's our main aim. It's also to raise awareness of knife crime and get into the heads of younger people that it's not right to carry a knife or stab someone. We'll keep on fighting, the justice system is failing us."

The family were also joined by the families of stabbing victims Reagan Asbury and James Brindley.

Aiden Passey, Ryan's father, said: "We want justice. It's terrible what is going on with knife crime across the country. The public has been great and they've turned up again in their hundreds to support us."

Ryan's friends and family pay tribute before the match at Stoubridge FC's War Memorial ground

Ryan Passey was stabbed to death in Stourbridge

The march through Stourbridge, led by his family

NEWS IN BRIEF

Vicious attack on man in his 60s

A MAN aged in his 60s was repeatedly punched in the face in a sickening attack in Dudley town centre.

The victim was sitting on a bench in Market Place when he was approached by two men who asked him for money. It is believed he was attacked after he refused. The incident happened at around 11pm on Tuesday, September 25.

Detective Inspector Ade George said: "This was a nasty attack on a man who as a result sustained serious facial injuries including a suspected fractured eye socket."

Call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Fly the flag beside a new memorial

A SCHEME has been launched to install a war memorial in Upper Gornal.

A pole has been installed to fly the Union flag all year round and a six-foot metal and stone monument of a soldier is due to be installed in the arcade off Kent Street.

The memorial campaign has been led by ward councillors Kieran Casey and Adam Aston.

Councillor Kasey said: "At present there is no dedicated war memorial in Upper Gornal. We are hoping to have the war memorial set up ready in time for Remembrance Day."

Ex-mayor's Everest trek challenge

A FORMER Mayor of Dudley is planning his greatest challenge in aid of Mary Stevens Hospice.

Councillor Steve Waltho is heading to the Himalayas to hike to Everest Base Camp next week to raise funds and awareness for the Stoubridge hospice which serves the Black Country.

The 63-year-old, who was mayor in 2015/16, is hoping to raise £1,000 for the Hagley Road hospice by climbing 17,600 feet, which is more than half way up the wordl's tallest mountain

Visit www.givepenny.com/ever estclimb-2018 to make a donation.

Little Angels to sing at church autumn fair

AN autumn fair being held in Sedgley in aid of the Children's Society next weekend will feature some angelic voices.

The society's Sedgley and District Appeals Committee is holding the event at All Saints Church Hall, Vicar Street, on Saturday, October 13, from 10.30am to 1.30pm.

The Little Angels singing group from St Andrew's Church will be entertaining visitors during the fair.

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Schools invited to try drama scheme

THE National Theatre is inviting primary schools in the West Midlands looking for inspiration for their end-of-term play to take part in its Let's Play programme. It provides everything that teachers need to create an outstanding piece of theatre and inspire creative learning.

Schools can send up to four teachers on a theatre-making course led by professional theatre artists as well as choosing from eight specially-commissioned scripts, musical scores and backing tracks for original songs.

Visit nationaltheatre.org.uk/letsplay to find out more about the programme and to register to take part.

Taxpayer hit with £65m Carillion bill

REDUNDANCY payments to workers who lost their jobs after the collapse of construction giant Carillion will cost the taxpayer £65 million. The Unite union said that figure only covered Carillion staff, not those working for suppliers.

The Wolverhampton-based firm went into liquidation in January with debts reported at around £6.9 billion.

A Freedom of Information request by Unite to the Insolvency Service showed £50m had been paid out with the total set to reach £65m. Most of the 19,000 staff were made redundant, so could make a claim from the Redundancy Payments Office, said Unite.

On tap with water refill initiative

WATER and waste company Severn Trent, which supplies most of the West Midlands, has signed up to a national water refill initiative which will see free fill-up points in every major city in England by 2021.

The company has teamed up with not-for-profit organisation City to Sea to launch the Refill Scheme for people across the Midlands. It allows people to fill up reusable water bottles for free at businesses, such as pubs, restaurants and cafes, which sign up.

Fresh name for NEC's major concert venue

THE major arena for pop and rock concerts at the NEC near Birmingham is having a name change.

From December 3 the Genting Arena will be officially re-named as Resorts World Arena to tie in with the shopping and entertainment centre, Resorts World Birmingham, which is opposite the popular venue. It has also previously been called the NEC Arena and the LG Arena.

Teenage driver died in high-speed crash

AN 18-year-old died in a crash after driving at more than 80mph in a 30mph zone whilst over the legal alcohol limit, an inquest heard.

Ryan Wainwright had been at a party before he lost control of his father's BMW on Clarence Street, Upper Gornal, at about 2am on May 19. The teenager, of Springfield Grove, Sedgley, was travelling at 72mph when he collided with the kerb – flipping the car onto its roof.

He was taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital after suffering serious head injuries but pronounced dead on May 22. The hearing at Black Country Coroners Court was told a toxicology test found Mr Wainwright was over the drink-drive limit with 118 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood. The legal limit is 80.

Two male passengers and a female passenger were all taken to hospital.

Pc Justin Williams, a collision investigator for the Central Motorway Police Group, said: "The car was travelling between 85 and 88 mph. At the point the car hit the curb the car was doing about 72mph.

"The car lost control just before it hit the kerb. The car collided with a wooden fence and various street furniture."

Mr Wainwright worked in an RAC call centre and had passed his test less than a year before the crash.

His mother Marie Beddow paid an emotional tribute to her son, telling the court: "He loved his family and friends. He loved cars and that was his passion. Everybody loved him."

The cause of death given was brain injury due to a traffic collision.

Stab death accused is cleared of murder

By Richard Guttridge and Annabal Bagdi

A 21-year-old man has been cleared of murdering a father-of-two who was stabbed on Brierley Hill High Street

Niron Parker-Lee was found not guilty of killing Mansoor Mahmood, who died from a single knife wound to the chest. But he was jailed after admitting other offences.

The decision was reached by a jury at Birmingham Crown Court last Tuesday. The defendant, who was standing in his second trial after the first collapsed when the jury were unable to come to a decision, had admitted inflicting the fatal stab wound on Mr Mahmood, aged 24, but claimed it was self-defence.

The pair were involved in a late-night fight on the High Street before the stabbing on October 16, 2016. Mr Mahmood managed to stagger into a takeaway but died a short time later. He leaves a wife, Aisha and two children, Isa and Awais.

Parker-Lee, of Blewitt Street, Pensnett, was cleared of murder after more than a year behind bars awaiting trial.

Blood

He told the court that he had not intended to 'take his life away', saying Mr Mahmood was 'coming at me' after they exchanged heated words in the street. He claimed he pulled out a knife to warn off Mr Mahmood after seeing the victim 'trying to reach for something'.

Parker-Lee told the jury: "I came under him at that time, I didn't realise he had been stabbed. Everything happened so quick. The only time I realised he had been stabbed was when I heard him screaming and saw blood."

Parker-Lee admitted possession of a bladed article, two counts of possession of a class A drug, failing to surrender at court, possession of a weapon in prison and common assault in relation to a separate incident in which he assaulted a prison officer.

The court heard that Parker-Lee was involved in a violent argument between inmates when on remand in custody at HMP Brinsford awaiting trial. He brandished a makeshift weapon – a tuna tin in a sock – which he swung around, hitting a prison officer on his head and neck. Mr Gurdeep Garcha, defending, said Parker-Lee had since apologised to the officer.

Parker-Lee was jailed for three years.

Niron Parker-Lee – jailed for other offences

Victim Mansoor Mahmood – a father of two

Tenants to move into new apartments

TENANTS are ready into move in to new council homes built in Kingswinford by developer Jessup.

Dudley Council is completing a £1.7 million project to build 16 homes on the site of a former row of shops and maisonettes in Beech Road. It offers 12 two-bedroom and four one-bedroom apartments. Four properties have been earmarked for tenants already living in the area who are looking to downsize.

Councillor Laura Taylor, cabinet member for housing, said: "I'm really pleased to see yet another one of our new build schemes nearing completion. The old buildings on this site had seen better days and were in desperate need of redevelopment.

"Now we have a new contemporary apartment block that fits in with the local street scene, offers quality affordable homes and possibly a suitable alternative to tenants in the area who might be thinking about downsizing."

Police teams could work out of just two bases

POLICE emergency teams could be based at just two locations in the Black Country – leading to fears some areas will see slower response times.

Wolverhampton and Brierley Hill would be the only two bases with around 200 officers relocated from stations in Bloxwich and West Bromwich.The plan would see officers start and end shifts at one of the two hubs and work remotely thanks to new technology.

But West Midlands Police Federation chairman Sergeant Richard Cooke said he was against the plan to move response teams, which are made up of officers who react to 999 calls and round-the-clock emergencies.

Sgt Cooke said: "It is unrealistic to have officers leave their station and spend their whole shift out on the patch. It will mean areas like Wolverhampton will have more officers than Walsall, while places like Aldridge could see response times increase."

A spokesman for West Midlands Police said: "As part of the force-wide estate plan announced in March, work is taking place in the background to ensure teams which work operationally close together are located in the same building to help provide a faster, more efficient service."

The estate plan is aimed at saving the force £5m and protecting 100 officer posts.

The stations to close include Sedgley, Oldbury, Aldridge, Tipton, Wednesfield, Smethwick and Wednesbury. This will leave just 10 stations with public counters in the West Midlands.

Velo veers away from Dudley area

THE controversial 100-mile cycling event, Vélo, has had its route changed – so it will steer clear of Staffordshire and almost all of the Black Country when it takes place next year.

Vélo Birmingham Midlands will take cyclists east of Birmingham for the majority of the event on May 12. It will only briefly enter the boundaries of Sandwell and Dudley when the route turns east at Halesowen and down Hagley Road West to the finishing line in the city.

Last year the race, which was called Vélo Birmingham, divided opinion after it brought many villages in South Staffordshire and Dudley to a standstill. Some businesses were forced to shut and saboteurs left nails and tacks along the route.

The new route for the October 4, 2019, event takes in Coventry.

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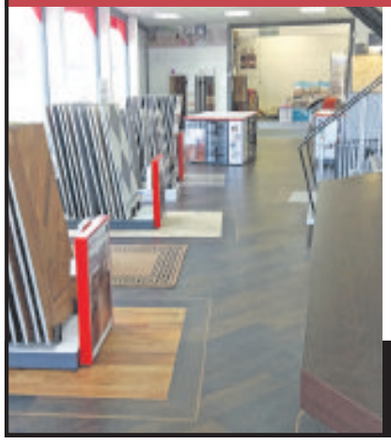

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Raiders with a machete break into wrong house

MACHETE-WIELDING masked raiders burst a Brierley Hill flat looking for drugs – but had chosen the wrong address.

Realising their mistake, the attackers scurried off after terrifying a father and his six-year-old son.

The tea time attack happened at around 5pm, just after the child had got back from school and was getting ready to go to Beavers, the club for junior scouts.

Two men wearing balaclavas kicked in the front door of the Hill Street flat and one of them, who was armed with a machete, demanded to know 'where the drugs are'. After apparently realising they had got the wrong house, the men fled.

Neither the father or the Brierley Hill Primary School pupil were hurt but they were left shaken

The boy's 27-year-old mother said: "It has always been not a very nice place to live but this was the icing on the cake."

Police confirmed the house was apparently targeted 'in error' on September 11 and have launched an appeal for information.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Anyone with information should quote crime number 20DY/207853Z/18.

Police swoop on suspects' homes

DAWN police raids were carried out at the homes of seven burglary suspects and two men were arrested as part of the joint operation between Staffordshire and West Midlands Police forces.

The raids on Friday were in response to 14 burglaries of businesses and shops in areas including Dudley and South Staffs, which have cost in the region of £250,000 in stolen property and damage.

Seven warrants were executed and two men aged in their 20s from Wolverhampton addresses were held on suspicion of burglary.

Properties in Willenhall, Tithe Croft, Fallings Park, Pennfields and Eastfield, all in Wolverhampton, were raided and police seized evidence.

No beer festival

THE annual Stourbridge Beer Festival will not take place next year, says the Stourbridge and Halesowen branch of the Campaign for Real Ale. This year's festival in April was the 21st but it made a loss.

Library on the move to museum site

AN HISTORIC library is to be moved brick by brick to the Black Country Living Museum to preserve it for future generations.

The relocation of Woodside Library from Holly Hall, across Dudley to the Tipton Road attraction, is one of the biggest projects in the museum's ambitious Forging Ahead development.

It will become part of the new 1940s to 1960s town that is being constructed and is due to open in 2022. Now the museum is calling for memories from people who used the library on Stourbridge Road.

Researcher Simon Briercliffe said: "Woodside Library played a huge role in the lives of the local community in that part of Dudley for over a century.

"By translocating it to the museum we will be able to salvage not only the beautiful architecture that made it such a distinctive sight on Stourbridge Road, but also re-tell the story of the community it served and the people of the Woodside area."

Councillor Ian Kettle, cabinet member for regeneration and enterprise, said: "This is an important building with lots of history behind it and I am glad it is being kept in the borough for future generations to see."

Woodside Free Library opened in 1894 after The Earl of Dudley provided the land for the library and Woodside Park in 1890. It was previously part of the Earl's large Woodside Colliery.

The library featured a reading room and lending library on the ground floor, with rooms above that became a setting for popular dances..

To share their memories of Woodside Library email collections@bclm.com or call 0121 557 9643.

Escaped prisoner was high when crashing car

AN escaped prisoner high on ecstasy broke his back when he smashed a stolen Audi into a wall in the Black Country.

The Quattro TT driven by habitual criminal Andrew Twist, from Brierley Hill, was destroyed in the crash in Broadway West, Walsall.

The sports car had been stolen by Twist, formerly of Leys Crescent, after he escaped from HMP Sudbury, an open prison in Derbyshire on May 7. He ransacked a home near the prison and stole £1,500 in cash, two laptops, jewellery, perfume, a passport and an air rifle before demanding the car keys from the terrified woman owner when she arrived home.

The serial thief was seriously hurt when he was thrown through the windscreen of the car by the impact of the crash.

Twist, who had been serving a four-year jail term for dangerous driving and other crimes at the time, was jailed for three years at Derby Crown Court.

Drug

Ian Way, prosecuting, said Twist, now serving his time at HMP Nottingham, was reaching the end of his four-year sentence when he took the drug MDMA and walked out of HMP Sudbury.

He then walked to a nearby property and smashed a window with a brick to gain entry. The female occupier arrived back to find him loading up a van with her belongings. He then demanded she hand over the keys to the Audi TT sports car, in which he drove to Walsall.

Twist pleaded guilty to escaping from lawful custody, burglary, aggravated vehicle taking, driving while disqualified, without insurance and failing to provide a specimen of breath for analysis.

Dan Church, for Twist, said the former bricklayer had been offence-free between 2003 and 2009 until he had relationship trouble.

Judge Nirmal Shant banned Twist from driving for 18 months and extended licence, meaning it will be at least three years before he will be able to retake his test.

Love Island pair's Merry Hill date

Love Island fan Holly Jones, aged 16, from Dudley, snaps a selfie with Georgia Steel and Niall Aslam

TWO Love Island stars swapped beaches for the Black Country when tye visited the Merry Hill shopping centre to meet students attending the mall's special discount night.

Georgia Steel and Niall Aslam were guests of honour at the intu Merry Hill's Student Night, with more than 40 retailers offering exclusive discounts.

The pair from the hugely popular reality TV show met fans who flocked to take selfies with the celebrity couple.

It was one of the first public appearances by Georgia and Niall since the much-watched contest earlier this summer. Georgia, a former London barmaid, said: "Student nights are a great way to get everyone together and meet new people."

Ron Howard and Natalie Mew from Capital FM, hosted the event, which included music and games.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MP in appeal for stem cell donors

DUDLEY North MP Ian Austin is calling on more people to become stem cell donors.

Labour MP Mr Austin was a visitor to a special event in Westminster held to celebrate the milestone that more than 700,000 people in the UK have joined the Anthony Nolan register.

The register is a lifesaver that can potentially match those who sign up to help someone with blood cancer.

Mr Austin is encouraging more people, particularly men aged 16 to 30 and people from ethnic minority backgrounds, to register as stem cell donors and thereby improve the chances for those seeking a transplant.

Classes of 67-69 in school reunion

A REUNION is being held for former Brierley Hill Grammar School sixth formers.

Robert Sharratt and Pat Newcombe (nee Mason) are organising a reunion for the sixth form from 1967 to '69.

A celebration buffet lunch has been organised at the Old Leaking Well, in Ombersley, on October 12, as part of the reunion which is attracting some 50 ex-students, including some from as far as Australia. The Bromley Lane school later became Crestwood School.

Email wjaymorgan28@gmail.com for further details.

Driver in collision taken to hospital

A MAN was taken to hospital with pain in his shoulder after a collision involving a van and a car in Legge Lane, Coseley, last Friday morning.

The car driver and a passenger were uninjured in the accident shortly after 10.30am. Fire crews from Dudley and Tipton attended.

An ambulance spokesperson said: "There were a total of three men involved. One received first aid from a member of the public and oxygen was distributed to one other. The van driver was taken to New Cross Hospital with pain in his right shoulder."

Coffee morning raises cash for cancer charity

A COFFEE morning at the Rainbow Street Community Centre in Coseley, organised by Sharnnie Davies Morgan raised £112. It was one of many events to mark the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support. Cakes, which included vegan, dairy and sugar-free options, were donated from Gather Cafe in Dudley, Debs Pantry in Wombourne and Jackie Williams. Asda in Sedgley donated tea, coffee and sugar.

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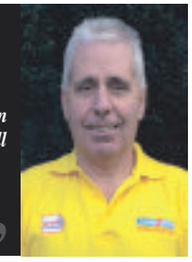

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There's no art at all in paying out for this

A MEDIUM-sized, white wall unit, with six shelves. Adorned with about 35, small, plain white vases, and a few matching plates.

It's quite stylish, but unremarkable. The sort of thing you might see in the Wilko catalogue. So what would you pay for it? £200? Ok, push the boat out. At a pinch you might shell out £400, if you've got a trendy loft apartment. And you don't have to assemble it yourself.

You might therefore be surprised to learn that somebody paid £126,000 for this piece of furniture. That's right £126,000 for six shelves and a few dozen bits of cheap-looking pottery.

The reason, of course, is that this has not been sold as 'furniture', which it surely is, but as 'modern art', which these days appears to be a euphemism for 'useless art'. Assemble a few shelves, stick some cheap vases on them, give it a name – in this case, A Short History Of The China Trade - and that's '£126,000 please sir, have a nice day'.

Now that would be quite funny if it was just some pretentious London luvvie or vulgar Russian oligarch wasting their money on this junk. But unfortunately, it is you and I who has been taken for a ride.

A Short History of the China Trade is a recent addition to the Government Art Collection, comprising some 14,000 works. The taxpayer has also shelled out £2,346 for a child-like line drawing of a stickman on the wing of an aeroplane. Or for something more eye-catching, there is Caragh Thuring's 8ft canvas, featuring 12 lines of untidy handwriting about Anne and Agnes Bartholomew's wardrobe, or something like that. Ours for £28,500.

Then we come to In The Back by German Wolfgang Timmins: it is a photograph of three rather shabby looking office windows lit up at night. The Government paid £66,114.

Given the lack of visual appeal, it is unsurprising that most of this tat ends up in storage, which presumably the taxpayer also foots the bill for.

Now most reasonable people will understand the Government investing some money in great works of art, which can be displayed in art galleries, and used on important state occasions. I don't begrudge our leaders shelling out a few grand for a Constable, particularly if it stops it leaving the country. But £126,000 for some shelving and £66,114 for a photo of some windows in times of supposed austerity is taking the proverbial.

Still, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em, as the saying goes. I'm off to Argos for a flat-pack.

If change made would anyone notice the difference?

Gina Miller's Brexit list of 'all the options' effectively keeps the Remain vote intact

Lord Falconer – tutting over his suggestion that all drugs should be legalised

'You dirty rats' – remembered as James Cagney's immortal line in Each Dawn I Die

Legalise? Already easy to get drugs

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

I SUPPOSE we should all harrumph and tut-tut at Lord Falconer's suggestion that all drugs should be legalised. And yet. I have been watching and reporting on the so-called "war on drugs" for almost 50 years and it is easier today to get any substance you want, at a time and place to suit you, than I can ever recall. If, as Falconer suggests, a future Labour government chose to "legalise and regulate the supply of drugs," then most people would avoid them, some would try them and a tiny minority would become hooked on them and wreck their lives. In short, would anyone notice the difference?

FAREWELL, Labour. Goodbye, the Lib-Dems. And by now the Conservatives at their conference will have buried their differences, hammered out a Brexit deal acceptable to every MP and to our EU neighbours and arise, refreshed and invigorated, to prepare for another 20 years of government. Only joking!

THE best the PM can hope for is to delay the General Election until the constituency boundaries have been redrawn, as suggested by the Boundary Commissions, and the number of MPs reduced from 650 to 600. This, depending on your politics, will either redress a long-standing and unfair bias in favour of Labour or shift the goalposts for another Tory swindle.

MEANWHILE, we may all punch the air with joy at Labour's plan to wring billions out of the super-rich. At present, the richest one per cent of taxpayers comprises about 300,000 people earning more than £160,000 a year. They pay about a quarter of all UK income tax. So how much more will they willingly pay before consulting the best tax-minimising accountants or emigrating? Has anyone done the sums?

THE Guardian, with its uncanny knack of focusing on the issues that matter to real people, delivers a piece headlined: "Brexit chisels away any right Britain had to the Parthenon marbles." Why, in Wolverhampton they talk of little else . . .

AND then you see Ms Gina Miller's list of 'all the options': 1) Leave the EU under the Chequers plan. 2) Leave the EU with no agreed deal. 3) Stay in the EU. You don't need a degree in maths to notice that this three-way poll effectively keeps the Remain vote intact while dividing the Leave vote, thus handing an 11th-hour victory to the Remainers. No-one doubts that Ms Miller is well educated and intelligent. But she seems to think the rest of us are as thick as mince.

IT is a good idea to invite the German president to the Cenotaph on Armistice Day. Even if we don't know who he is. Even if we weren't aware that Germany had a president. We should invite the President, who is Frank-Walter Steinmeier, for two good reasons. Firstly, it will draw a veil over generations of mistrust and bloodletting between Britain and Germany, two very similar nations who, left to their own devices, get on rather well. Secondly, it will irritate the hell out of the French.

WE set off on a walk, following the footpaths through farmland near Chateau Rhodes. Entering one field, we met two cows, three calves and a bull the size of a house. I seem to recall reading in a book that mixed-sex and mixed-generation groups like this are settled, content and harmless. And then the bull started bellowing and we fled. I don't think the bull had read the same book.

A CZECH politician, V ra Jourová, who is the European Union's Justice Commissioner, has taken offence at the British media's treatment of the Salzburg summit. She is outraged at the Sun's headline describing European leaders as "EU Dirty Rats." This, she says, makes the case for "a European approach to media based on quality and smart regulation, if needed." Or as we English call it, censorship. But there is a culture gap here. Foreigners see the term "dirty rats" and filthy, disease-ridden rodents. Brits instantly recognise it as a joke. "You dirty rats" was James Cagney's immortal line in Each Dawn I Die (1939), and has been parodied by comedians from Morecambe & Wise to Dad's Army. Don't you find it chilling that foreign politicians could advocate controlling the British Press to protect the EU from criticism? Especially foreigners who know nothing of Eric and Ernie and have never heard of Private Pike.

TALKING POINT

Tolerance going up in a puff of vapour

WE'VE all seen it – and what's more pertinent, smelt it. Vaping – I mean, what's that all about?

As a former smoker, I may have been poacher-turned-gamekeeper at times, complaining about the stink on the clothes of people who indulge in ciggies.

At least though, I can see the point of smoking, with an actual taste that is pretty unique, even if there are differences between your Marlborough and the classic Benson and Hedges. But having been smoke-free myself for nigh on 30 years, I still like the smell of smoking itself if I am situated near to puffed-out plumes. Perhaps it's a nostalgia thing.

It was never a good idea for an asthmatic like me to smoke anyway, and I follow a long line of my family who smoked despite suffering with the condition. It still rankles that at any point I have to mention something to a health worker, it comes up that I am an ex-smoker, despite the fact that presumably, after so long being 'clean', whatever damage I did to my lungs is now academic.

But it is the vapers (no not the 'I Think I'm Turning Japanese' fellows – ask your dad!) that I have a beef with.

All of a sudden, they're everywhere, creating their own huge clouds of disgusting fruit-flavoured yuckiness. And they don't realise how silly they look with this Kazoo-like pipe thing stuck in their gobs. Obviously, this takes on a whole new tack when you're trying to eat a meal in a pub which hasn't as-of-yet outlawed the practice within its environs.

Tucking into a juicy steak whilst at the same time inhaling cherry-flavoured ooze can be nausea-inducing.

I can't get my head around the fact, that if these people were smokers at one point, they go from the pretty standard tobacco flavour, to whatever it is they now stick in their devices – which can be anything from strawberry sherbert to cola. Literally thousands are available, and you can even buy lucky dip bags!

I remember once, on a health kick as a young man, I thought herbal cigarettes was the way to go and bought a pack from the local chemists. Uggh! They were disgusting, and yet now people seem to be clamouring for a similar experience.

In time, the true extent of any damage to health by vaping will come to light and then the manufacturers will have to think of other ways to market their products. Who knows, maybe then they will start making boiled sweets from their e-liquids instead . . . mmm, blackcurrant liquorice humbug anyone?

GRAEME ANDREW

EU thinks polite Britain is a soft touch

UNFORTUNATELY, British politeness is mistaken for weakness. Nice Mrs May has responded in kind to those in Europe who believe that the timing is right to demean everything that Britain stands for.

It is not unexpected and not unlike the relative who after desperately seeking your help for years may hold it against you and seek a time when he or she can rejoice in your downfall.

Jeremy Hunt, a man that if there was a Nobel Prize for politeness would win year after year, said 'The EU should not mistake British politeness for weakness'. Unfortunately Jeremy, that will always be the case.

The level of politeness the older generation were taught is a somewhat alien concept in many parts of the world and is peculiar to Britain. It is an old-fashioned idea dreamed up to enable us to live closely together on our crowded island but one now being swept away by many of the younger generation of Brits.

How many times have I opened a door for some person only to be greeted not by a smile but a surly whisking past with never a thank you? How many times in a checkout queue have I looked at the person behind with one item in hand, signalled him to come in front and received not even a nod? I keep telling myself that I must overcome what is now considered a weakness but, after all these years, it's too deeply inbred.

The attitude of the EU towards this country tends to mirror my experiences. We have been too giving, have respected their ideals and as a result we are now deemed a soft touch.

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TANYA BRAUN
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PETER BROWN
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A theatre treat in the library

FOR £1.50 I enjoyed a professional musical show together with a choice of tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits. Where? At Dudley Library, last Saturday.

All credit to the hard-working library staff who organised a performance of Pop Music by Birmingham Repertory Theatre. A lot of effort goes into arranging something like this and I would like them to know their endeavours are appreciated.

Although sparsely attended, this did not deter the cast from giving the energetic performance a theatre audience would see. It was a thoroughly enjoyable Saturday afternoon, plus the cakes were gorgeous.

I do wonder whether a bit more advertising would have resulted in the larger audience that was richly deserved. I shall certainly keep my eyes open for any such future ventures in anticipation of another treat. Well done and thank you.

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Vision to secure the future of Top Church

'WE can't be the generation that loses this church'.

Those are the words of the vicar in charge of transforming Dudley's landmark Top Church.

The Rev James Treasure is leading a £1.5 million project to secure the future of St Thomas and St Luke which is on Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register.

He hopes to breathe new life into the church by increasing congregations from around 20 to 250 over the next five years by offering modern services.

The church will also play a more active role in the community and the project includes replacing pews with chairs to enable the building to be used for a wide range of activities.

The 43-year-old vicar said: "It's a beautiful building but it's an ageing congregation and the building is at risk. The plan would be to start a new contemporary congregation in the church building.

Top Church vicar Rev James Treasure

Top Church, St Thomas and St Luke

How chairs could look inside the church

A plan of the new seating layout

Anniversary

"It's the church's 200th anniversary this year and this is about how we serve the community for the next 200 years."

Around £500,000 will be spent altering the inside of the building to make it more welcoming and flexible.

People walking though the doors currently find themselves immediately in the worship area but the plan is to install a sound proof glass wall between the seats and the entrance to create an area where people can get refreshments or take children out without disturbing other people. There will also be a play area for children and a space where informal meetings can be held.

"The main change, visually, will be the removal of the pews. We are going to have chairs which is a set-up flexible for the week

"We're looking at having the chairs arranged in a round layout that's more inclusive rather than everyone facing the front.

"We will have better sound, lighting and audio visual equipment which will allow us to use screens," said Rev Treasure, who said the space could suit theatre groups. The second entrance for wheelchair users and parents with prams and pushchairs will also be improved, and new toilets installed.

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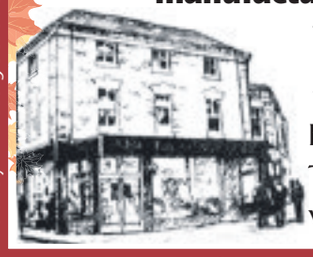

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Hands up if you love the school's new gym

It's fun to keep fit – pupils try out the new gym equipment Blanford Mere Primary School in Kingswinford

NEW gym equipment to help youngsters get fit has been unveiled at a primary school.

The equipment, which cost somewhere in the region of £20,000, was revealed at Blanford Mere Primary School in Kingswinford, by members of staff and pupils.

The gym was provided by The Great Outdoor Gym Company and was funded through fundraising events and school funds, including £4,000 raised by the school council.

Jennifer Cartwright, leader of the school council and a teacher at the school, said: "Most of the money raised came from the school funds. It's going to provide the children with more activities at lunch times and during PE lessons which will improve their health and wellbeing."

Ms Cartwright said the school council would be planning to track children's fitness through timed events and monitored on a personal tracker sheet.

She added: "It's obviously to improve health and wellbeing. We're a health promoting school and it's important they understand what a healthy lifestyle is all about. The children love it and they are very excited to use it."

Pupils Isobel Fo and Emily Cullis with the school council's Jennifer Cartwright

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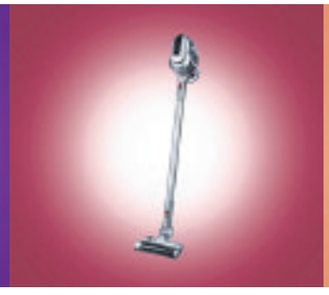
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Hospice duo cycle length of Britain to raise funds

THE BOSS of Mary Stevens Hospice and a therapist from the Stourbridge charity took on a gruelling 1,000-mile cycle ride to raise funds.

Stevan Jackson and Anne Howell, both based at the hospice in Oldswinford, completed a two-week ride that saw them use pedal power to take on the epic length-of-Britain journey from Land's End in Cornwall to John O'Groats on the north coast of Scotland.

The hospice chief executive and therapist battled win and rain for much of their journey as they took on the challenge to raise funds for Mary Stevens Hospice, raise awareness of its work in the Black Country and also to celebrate Stevan's 65th birthday.

So far, the duo have raised more than £4,000 for the Hagley Road hospice.

Stevan Jackson and Anne Howell celebrate finishing their epic cycle ride

Impressive

Mr Jackson said: "I was delighted to be part of the Land's End to John O'Groats cycling challenge in support of my two colleagues Anne Howell, who was the outstanding driving force behind it, and Ruth Davies who provided impressive support to our small team.

"It was a privilege to be involved and Anne's initiative has helped to raise significant funds that will help those with palliative and end of life needs whom we are here to care for.

"I am now just trying to adjust to life out of the saddle."

Ms Howell added: "Mary Stevens Hospice is the best place I have ever worked and I am so proud to be part of a team who work so hard to ensure that the patients in our care receive the best treatment available. "I know so many of our patients would love to do this challenge and sadly aren't able to, so to have done this for them really is the most incredible feeling."

"This cycle ride is the hardest thing I have ever done. However, I know it pales in comparison to battling a life-limiting illness so we were able to draw on our patients, and the motivation they give us, whenever the going got tough or the weather did its best to try and dampen our spirits."

The hospice relies on the local community to raise nearly £3 million a year needed to run the hospice and its services to help those with life-shortening illnesses and their families. Specialist services are provided at a recently refurbished in-patient unit and day therapies Clinic. Care at home is also offered where appropriate.

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Thomas search: Body found in River Severn

POLICE searching for missing Bromsgrove teenager Thomas Jones have found a body in the River Severn.

West Mercia Police officers had been searching for the university student after he was last seen in the early hours of September 19 close to the river in Worcester.

The 18-year-old West Bromwich Albion season ticket holder had just started a primary teaching course at the University of Worcester after moving to the city on September 16, the day he disappeared.

Police recovered a body on Friday and said his family had been informed.

Two men were last week arrested on suspicion of murdering the student but were released without charge.

Previously police had thanked the public for the 'unprecedented' response to an appeal for information, and said officers had been working around the clock to try to determine what had happened to Mr Jones in the early hours of last Wednesday morning.

Officers and divers had been conducting a thorough search since the teenager went missing.

Emma Butler, Jane Williams, Dave Tyler and John Joseph Donovan

Plucky Baldrick the dog at the event

Mayor of Dudley Dave Tyler joins walkers and their pets

Memory Walk at Himley Hall

TWO legs, four legs, even three legs – pets of all shapes, sizes and abilities (alongside their owners) took part in a charity walk at Himley Hall.

More than 100 people turned out in Dudley for the second memory walk event, to help raise funds for charity Alzheimer's Society.

It followed the success of last year's walk, organised by the then Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Dave Tyler, who also led the event this year.

Pets

He said: "It was another success. When we did it last year we had people asking 'are you doing one next year?' and how could we say no? I know it was a bit late in the season for walking but we had about 120 people turn up – and a lot of pets too!"

Councillor Tyler said the 'star' pet this year was little three-legged dog Baldrick, who completed the walk in his special wheelchair.

He added: "Baldrick was the star of the show, in his little wheelchair.

"He was very popular."

Walkers set off from the Himley Hall grounds at 11am on Sunday, and participants were able to choose whether they wanted to take part in the 2km, 4km or 6km walk.

Donation

Hundreds of pounds have been raised for Alzheimer's Society through the memory walk, but Councillor Tyler said it will be a few more days before the final total is known.

"There is still time for people to make a donation if they haven't got round to it," he said. "As it gets bigger and bigger we hope it will be an annual event. It's nice that it's quite small and local though, rather than thousands of people."

Visit justgiving.com/fundraising/dave-tylermemorywalk to donate.

Hundreds of Christmas jobs on offer

HUNDREDS of jobs are up for grabs at Debenhams shops across the West Midlands in the run-up to Christmas.

The department store chain is hunting for up to 400 temporary members of staff for its branches across the region, including its major store at the Merry Hill shopping centre.

The new recruits will be working on the sales floor during the company's busiest times including Black Friday on November 23, Christmas and the Boxing Day sales.

Successful applicants will start mid-November and work until the beginning of January – but could be kept on in the long-run.

The drive covers Debenhams' year-old anchor store in Wolverhampton's Mander Centre, as well as branches in Walsall, Merry Hill, Birmingham's Bullring and Fort Dunlop, Lichfield, Leamington Spa, Coventry, Nuneaton and Worcester.

The chain is aiming to be regarded as the go-to destination for shoppers at Christmas.

Planning

Alan Macera, manager at Birmingham's branch, said: "We begin planning months before the festivities start to make sure we deliver the high level of service that customers expect from Debenhams."

The retailer is keen to hear from candidates who have a strong 'can-do' approach and are eager to learn the ropes.

Previous retail experience is not essential, with bosses saying they have looked more recently to the hospitality industry for skills, experience and people that are 'fun, sociable and have a genuine love of shopping'.

Mr Macera added: "Many colleagues who join us over this period stay on as permanent members of the team."

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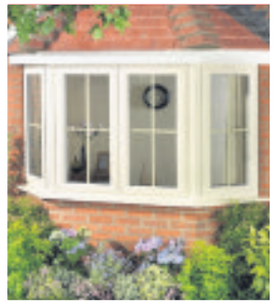

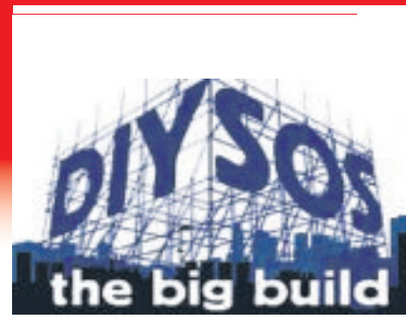

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'Chop shops' found in car crime raids

POLICE uncovered two 'chop shops' – where stolen vehicles are stripped down into parts for sale – and arrested seven men as part of a clampdown on car crime.

The arrests came after five vehicles were stolen from a Bilston yard and a road in Birmingham last month.

The 'chop shops' at Minerva Lane in Wolverhampton and at Oak Lane in Kingswinford, were discovered within an hour of each other last Wednesday.

West Midlands Police traced a BMW X5 stolen from the Bilston site to the Wolverhampton 'chop shop'. A 21-year-old man was arrested. Two other men, aged 32 and 19, were detained at a garage containing car parts.

Earlier that day, police officers on patrol in Bilston arrested two men, aged 22 and 31, on suspicion of car theft. The men were found asleep in the back of a van, which was displaying false number plates.

Further inquiries led officers to seize a BMW 1-Series parked nearby, which police believe was also stolen from Bilston.

Campaign

Later, police discovered the second 'chop shop' in Kingswinford. The site, in an industrial unit off Oak Lane, was discovered after a BMW M3, which was stolen from Quinton Road West in Birmingham, led officers to that location.

The vehicle had been stripped down and two men, aged 46 and 36 from Pensnett and Brierley Hill, were arrested on suspicion of handling stolen goods. Both men have been released under investigation. Meanwhile, efforts are on-going to try and trace a man who is believed to have delivered the car to the Kingswinford site.

The operations come after the force launched a campaign last month urging the public to be vigilant over 'chop shops'.

Drones are being deployed to track down nuisance bikers

POLICE are using drones to catch louts riding illegally riding motorbikes on off-road locations in the Upper Gornal area.

Officers hope to track down the culprits who have been upsetting residents and blighting green areas.

The operation is part of a campaign led by police and councillors to crack down on nuisance bikers, and comes after residents raised the issue with Upper Gornal and Woodsetton councillors Kieran Casey and Adam Aston.

Now that police say the drones will be deployed , Councillor Casey hopes this will tackle problem. Police will also step up patrols in the area and posters have been placed along the streets urging the public to contact police if they spot motorbikes being ridden illegally.

Councillor Casey said: "Residents raised concerns about the illegal use of these bikes, particularly around High Arcal Park off Fir Tree Drive, Downfield Drive and Glen Road.

Solve

"When residents raised these issues, we acted. We contacted the local area police sergeant and myself and Adam wrote to Chief Superintendent Sally Bourner and David Jamieson as the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner to ask what more support could be given to try and solve these issues. As a result, operations are planned to deploy the drones as well as local officers in local problem areas which can capture images of those riding round illegally on these bikes. These will be deployed at random times in the near future and will hopefully act as a deterrent and alleviate the problems residents are having.

"We are also working with the police to get more of the signs installed around parks so that people are aware that this is being monitored."

The sun never sets at Merry Hill

SUMMER may have come to an end but the sun is still shining INSIDE the Merry Hill shopping centre.

A giant 50-foot artificial sun was installed at the centre last week and now the glowing orange sphere has gone on tour to intu's other shopping centres across the country.

The artificial sun has a 15-metre circumference and shines as brightly as 12,000 lightbulbs.

The installation follows intu's happiness survey, which revealed four in five people in the West Midlands feel happier when it's sunny.

Rob Pickersgill, marketing manager at intu Merry Hill, said: "After a glorious summer we wanted to extend the sunshine and create something sunny for our shoppers."

The sun was modelled on a photograph captured by NASA and will be going on a tour of 11 intu centres until October 8.

According to the intu happiness survey, nearly a third of people in the West Midlands (31 per cent) say 2018 has been their happiest summer in memory despite the economic uncertainty, and two in five (41 per cent) credit the sunshine for their increased happiness.

The research also revealed that more than two-thirds of people(69 per cent) feel happier in the summer than winter with sunshine (27 per cent), longer days (24 per cent), summer holidays (16 per cent) and more outdoor activity (15 per cent) the top reasons.

The huge artificial sun shining inside intu Merry Hill shopping centre

More firms suffer due to Carillion

THE number of construction firms going insolvent increased by a fifth following the collapse of Wolverhampton-based Carillion earlier this year, a new study shows.

A total of 780 companies in the industry fell into insolvency in the first quarter of 2018, a 20 per cent rise on the same period a year ago, said accountants Moore Stephens.

There were 2,764 insolvencies among building firms in the 2017/18 financial year, up by six per cent on the previous 12 months, said the report.

Carillion was involved in large-scale projects across the UK and internationally, including military bases, hospitals and road and rail projects, and, following its liquidation, thousands of sub-contractors lost significant amounts of work and were left with a substantial bad debt, said Moore Stephens.

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Appreciation for cheese and wine

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FORTY one members and two visitors, Margaret Wigley and Janet Giddens, were welcomed to the September meeting by chairman Julie Willets. Apologies were read, followed by the minutes of the June and July meetings.

The July meeting incorporated a cheese and wine evening. Thank you cards had been received from invited members of neighbouring guilds, who had expressed their appreciation of an enjoyable evening.

Details of forthcoming federation activities were given. The bowls season is coming to an end. The doubles title was won by Gill McKenzie and Glenys Allen.

Jill Dunn reported that the visit to the Wedgwood factory was a great success.

Christmas events are in the planning stage, while the 'ladies who lunch' section are next meeting on October 24 at Bodenham Arboretum.

The speaker for the evening was Frances Benton who gave an insight into the creation of different types of pearl. Frances showed a display of vast arrays of different shapes and colours of real and cultured pearls, and her humorous, informative and confident talk was very much enjoyed.

Raffle winners were Elizabeth Grove, Hazel Needham, Hazel Butt and Megan Baxter. One prize was a pair of earrings, kindly donated by the speaker. Competition winners were Julie Willetts and Ann McKenzie.

Ladies hope to whisk up a bake-off treat

Maureen wild about flower arranging

Dudley South Ladies Luncheon Club

CHAIRMAN Ann Rogers welcomed back 33 members following the summer break to enjoy a three-course lunch at The Lodge, Wellington Road, and to hear from flower arranger Maureen Wilde.

Although no luncheon is held in August many members accepted the chairman's invitation to visit her home for a coffee morning, which had been a great success in beautiful sunshine.

Maureen was both entertaining and a real expert. She demonstrated three quite different arrangements. Firstly what you can do with just seven white roses and five large fatsia leaves. When she discovered that no members were flower arrangers she explained the basic rules and how to start by creating the shape with greenery and to use odd numbers of each of the flowers.

The second arrangement was traditional and the third modern with striking sunflowers. Most importantly of all was to give the flowers a long soak beforehand and then have a go. Members were delighted when the three arrangements were included as raffle prizes at the end of the demonstration.

The next luncheon will be on October 12 at The Lodge when the speaker will be Anthony Collis talking about The Swinging Ladies.

Grange (E) Guild

CHAIRMAN Chris Holton welcomed 31 members to the September meeting at St Peter's Centre, Pedmore Lane

She read out the minutes from the last meeting which were accepted and duly signed. Treasurer Jill Attwood gave the financial report.

The guild is still accepting knitted squares to be made into blankets for the Fistula Society. Many blankets have already been donated and gratefully received.

Sue invited members to join in a bake-off competition which will be combined with a coffee morning on November 9 at Sue's home in aid of Children in Need. The cakes will be judged at guild level on the day and the winner will go forward to the regional, then national, final.

Marlene O'Hanlon said her sale of bricks for Project Gambia was doing very well. The money raised will help to build an extra classroom for a school in Gambia.

The Harvest Supper was prepared and served. The sales table consisted of a wide range of harvest produce.

Memorial lecture to take place

Sedgley Local History Society

THE fourth Andrew Barnett & Trevor Genge Memorial Lecture takes place on October 11 at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Bilston Street.

The schoolteachers were founder members of the society in 1984.

The speaker will be Samantha Badger, a local history enthusiast and keen researcher. Sam's presentation will focus on the Turnpike Trusts from their start in 1706 through to closure in the 1890s. This is a fascinating story full of local colour and interest.

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Death crash motorcyclist 'big guy with huge heart'

A MOTORCYCLIST killed in a crash in Kingswinford has been named as Mark Ward.

Mr Ward, known as 'Fud', was killed in the crash near Summerhill School last Thursday night.

Tributes have been paid on social media to the 'one of a kind' 44-year-old car enthusiast.

Car Culture UK posted on their Facebook page: "RIP Fud 1974-2018. Everyone has woken up to tragic news today that will hit the car community hard. A big guy with a huge heart taken too soon."

Tributes paid to Mark Ward known as 'Fud'

Daniel Weston added: "I'm in absolute shock the guy was a absolute legend and a good friend. Cannot believe I was only with him Sunday.

"My thoughts go out to his family and friends."

Hospital

Another motorcyclist was seriously injured in the crash.

The pair had been travelling along Lodge Lane when their motorcycles were involved in a collision with a car at 7.10pm.

The driver and occupants of the car were also taken to hospital with minor injuries.

Anyone with information should call police on 101.

Golden girl opens Aldi

Team GB's Laura Unsworth with shoppers Zoe Holt, left, and Elizabeth Tolley

OLYMPIC gold medallist Laura Unsworth officially opened a new budget supermarket which has created 36 jobs.

The Team GB star, who won gold as part of the Women's Hockey event at Rio de Janeiro in 2016, cut the ribbon to Lye's new Aldi outlet with the help of store manager Marius Suyman. Laura's visit to the new shop comes as part of Aldi's Get Set to Eat Fresh project which hopes to inspire 1.2 million schoolchildren to learn about the benefits of cooking fresh, healthy food.

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Try vintage candle to light up your home

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

with John Ridgway of Perry & Phillips

THE nights are definitely beginning to draw in a little so why not add some extra light with a few candles – in some vintage holders?

It's something we always start to think about at this time of year even before the clocks go back and we are plunged into darkness early in the evening!

You don't necessarily have to opt for the standard candle sticks, there are many options to choose from if you want something a bit more unusual.

Chunky 'cathedral' candles look great in a wooden goblet or chalice and the standard-shape variety are nice in coloured wine bottles (empty ones, of course).

Candle lanterns are lovely and if you have a large candle – or several tealights – within them they can provide a warming glow in any room.

Tealights are invaluable and scented ones are especially nice – they can be placed in tea-cups or in little china bowls and grouped on vintage plates.

Pretty tins can also house small candles and old copper bains-marie would be perfect for a number of different-sized candles.

Some people use shells or appropriately-shaped pebbles for tea-lights and I've even seen an egg-whisk with a tealight inside it hung from a ceiling!

It's a good idea to group candles together, they look particularly effective in an empty fireplace or on a mantle shelf.

Coloured candle-holders and candles grouped together add variety to a plainly-decorated room and of course festive candles really do add to the Christmas atmosphere.

And of course you can opt for the more usual candle-holders, elegant candlesticks made from gold, silver, brass or glass and the 'Wee Willy Winky' holders for smaller candles.

Vintage candle holders, complete with candles, can really add light, warmth and colour to any home.

And – whether traditional or slightly more unusual – they make great and affordable gifts, either for birthdays or Christmas.

*** The Old Mill Antiques Centre in Mill Street, Low Town, Bridgnorth is open seven days a week from 10am until 5pm. It holds regular monthly auctions where you can sell –or buy – vintage items.**
*** Charlie's at the Old Mill Tearooms serves breakfast, lunch and tea and there is free parking for Old Mill and Charlie's customers only.**

Can a quick nap really boost your focus levels?

Should we follow other countries and take a rest during the day?

WE all have nights when we fall seriously short of the recommended eight hours of shuteye, and the following day can feel like you're fighting your way through brain fog and struggling to concentrate, particularly by the afternoon.

It was apparently Winston Churchill who first coined the term 'power nap', saying that a daily two-hour sleep top-up gave him the ability to think more clearly.

In fact, many high-achievers through history are said to have sworn by the benefits of a daily afternoon snooze, including Albert Einstein, Leonardo da Vinci and John F. Kennedy.

While it's generally accepted that there's no substitute for a solid good night's sleep, for many people, that's not always easy to achieve.

But is it better to perk yourself up by chain-drinking coffee, or would a lunchtime nap actually do you some good?

While most workplaces aren't going to condone employees having a quick sleep at their desks, there's a concept new to the UK that might change the future of how we use our lunch breaks, and impact our afternoon productivity – in the form of 'nap pods'.

The idea originated in Japan. The first – Capsule Inn Osaka – opened in 1979 and coincided with an increase in taxi fares, so it became a more practical alternative than nipping home for a nap for late-working business people. Now, capsule hotels are commonplace in many Japanese cities, usually just a tiny room filled with a bed.

Futuristic-looking one-person 'Airpods' were developed this year in Slovenia and are expected to be rolled out in European airports and train stations this autumn, while New York's LaGuardia Airport and Helsinki Airport have similar products for tired travellers.

An early afternoon rest is, of course, a long-embedded part of life in many cultures. The siesta – two or three hours where businesses shut shop during the hottest part of the day so workers can rest – countries.

In China, 'the right to rest' is even in the constitution and many workers are encouraged to take a 30-minute nap at their desks after lunch.

In the UK and Ireland, rest has always been considered a night-time activity, but there are many factors that might increase our need for more daytime resting.

According to the TUC, one in eight people now do shift work, often with frequently changing shift patterns. Technology now means we check work emails at home so never really switch off, and the traditional nine-to-five feels like something that belongs to a bygone era, with more and more people expected to work as many hours as necessary to get the job done.

So, maybe we should take a leaf out out of other countries' books and rest during the day – and there's now actually a place to do it.

Pop and Rest has opened its first permanent space in East London, where you can pay per half-hour (or up to three if you need it) for a snooze.

"Sometimes people don't prioritise sleep, it's seen as weak in the working environment, but that's wrong," says Mauricio Villamizar, CEO of Pop and Rest. "People are starting to realise how important sleep is for a good quality of life."

Lauren Taylor

Keep cosy at home to save on heating energy

Metal coatings on glazed areas can deliver excellent performance

Grand designs for making home more eco-friendly

Kevin McCloud at Grand Designs Live

WANT to up ramp up those green efforts in your home? Grand Designs' Kevin McCloud passes on his top tips. . .

Report by Abi Jackson

Trying to be a little more planet-friendly? Like most things in life, it starts at home – but knowing where to start or whether your efforts are worthwhile, can be tricky.

"It's easy to think of being planet-friendly as something we can buy, which often just adds to the problems of environmental damage," says Grand Designs presenter and home-style guru Kevin McCloud.

"There's no doubt that, by contrast, the correct things we should be doing are: A) changing our behaviour, which is hard; B) consuming less, which is hard to get used to; C) sharing our resources more, which is often annoying, and D) thinking ecologically about our wider environment, which is very hard. Having said that, there are some accessible ways of making our homes more environmentally responsible."

Wondering what those are? Here, McCloud shares five "easy" ways to make our homes more eco-friendly...

1. Rely less on central heating

"Start with the simple things, like turning the thermostat down to 18 or 19 degrees rather than 21, putting on an extra pullover instead, making a hot water bottle at bedtime, and buying some slippers."

2. Go for straightforward insulation methods first

"We could all probably insulate our attics more, draught-proof our windows and doors, and maybe fit secondary or double glazing. Insulation may not seem sexy, but it's much cheaper and delivers quicker cash and energy savings than solar panels or a heat-exchanging thermo-dynamic hybrid heat pump with go-faster stripes," says McCloud. "Make sure your home is fully insulated with good airtightness and simple ventilation systems. Only then should you consider the bolt-on technology."

3. Check out glazing technologies

"New glazing technologies fascinate me," says McCloud, "because the windows in our homes are effectively holes through which heat pours. Metal coatings on glass and vacuum-extracted systems, like Pilkington's Spacia, deliver excellent performance."

4. Be mindful of where things come from and how they're made

"I'm a champion of authenticity and the true narrative of things, because it connects the people who make things to the people that consume them, and seems to damage the planet and all its species a little less along the way," says McCloud .

"Britain is still the largest importer of illegal (illegally felled that is) timber and timber products in Europe, which is shocking. I wrote my book, The Principles Of Home, to partly address all this; it's shameful that when you or I buy a sofa, some curtain fabric, a pair of jeans or a dining table, there is virtually zero information about the welfare conditions in the factory where it's from, the chemicals used in manufacture, or the damage wreaked on the environment in its making."

5. Tap up the experts

"If you're designing a house from scratch, talk to an architect who'll understand designing for orientation, passive solar gain, maximum winter sunlight, shading and minimum summer overheating. You can design in thermal mass with heavy concrete floors or earth walls, humidify and cool the airflow through the house with a buried airduct or a pond outside a window, allow hot air to be purged through a skylight at the top of the house and allow for some cooling cross-ventilation. There. Easy."

Kevin McCloud will be appearing at Grand Designs Live at The NEC, Birmingham, from October 10-14, 2018.

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You talkin' to me? Movie star De Niro at ICC

OSCAR-WINNING movie actor Robert De Niro is coming to Birmingham in one of only two appearances in the UK next month.

The 75-year-old New Yorker, famous for his roles in The Godfather II, Taxi Driver and Goodfellas, will share his life story at an exclusive black-tie dinner evening. A seat in the audience, including a meal, will cost at least £145 with some tickets costing as much as £365.

The visit follows high-profile appearances in the city from two other film heavyweights Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone in recent years.

An Experience with Robert De Niro at the International Convention Centre will take place on Tuesday, November 27. The star's only other UK appearance will be in Leeds the night before.

The celebrated actor, who won two Oscars for playing Vito Corleone in The Godfather Part II and Jake LaMotta in Raging Bull, will be talking about his life and career.

As an outspoken critic of Donald Trump, he may just share his latest thoughts on the American president after using his speech at June's Tony Awards to criticise his leadership. The US leader responded by attacking the actor in a Twitter tirad.

Tickets were being sold via the website www.notebookbirmingham.com/robert-de-niro/

Opening of huge new Primark is put back

PRIMARK has postponed the opening of its biggest ever store, which was due to open in Birmingham city centre in time for Christmas.

The budget fashion chain's 160,000 sq ft store in the former Pavilions shopping centre is now scheduled to open in the spring.

Lead singer Jim Merris in action during the farewell concert

Adrian Chiles introduced the Red Lemons

The Red Lemon Electric Blues Band with Adrian Chiles and Suzi Perry

Soul fan Suzi dances with the band one more time

A view of the audience from back stage

Brass attack – the horn section

Red hot finale for blues band

BLACK Country-born celebrities Suzi Perry and Adrian Chiles joined the fun when Stourbridge soul group The Red Lemon Electric Blues Band signed off in style with their last ever concert.

Returning to the stage at Stourbridge Town Hall on Saturday night, where they played their first big gig in 1985, the group brought the house down as they decided to make the last of their reunion concerts something extra special.

The show took fans through the band's 33-year history with a number of special guests including Climax Blues Band frontman Graham Dee. The night was hosted by TV presenters, Suzi Perry and Adrian Chiles. Suzi's father Tony Perry managed the group and she used to dance on stage with them during her teenage years, whilst Adrian was the band's first bass guitarist.

Lead singer Jim Merris said: "We were absolutely buzzing to get back out there and play some real classic stuff. It was an action-packed show and it was very exciting. It's been two years since our last show together and I still get the same buzz. Unfortunately it's probably the last time we'll play together as logistically it doesn't work anymore, we're all living in a lot of different places.

"We've had a lot of great support over the years, including Adrian and Suzi. So many people have helped us and it all finished with one big night out – it was explosive.

"It was very poignant. I had a lump in my throat thinking about all the people who have supported us but are no longer with us."

Radio host and TV presenter Suzi even turned the clock back to the 1980s by joining 'Big Jim' and co on stage for a boogie.

She said: "This band has been a huge part of my childhood and teenage years and gave me some of the best days of my life, so it feels right to be a part of their final reunion. It's real Blues Brothers inspired music."

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ELO saying hello to Jeff's home crowd

Birmingham rock legend Jeff Lynne will return to his home city for a run of three shows at the city centre's Arena on October 10, 12 and 13.

Jeff Lynne has breathed new life into his band in recent years, since playing for Children In Need in 2013. He returned to live action the following year and in 2015 he released his first new music in 14 years, Alone in the Universe, which was his band's 13th album and earned a platinum disc after reaching the UK top five.

ELO had previously sold more than 50 million records worldwide and enjoyed huge success during the 1970s and 1980s when they enjoyed 20 top 20 UK hits plus 15 hits on the US Billboard Hot 100.

Lynne was blown away by the reaction when ELO played Hyde Park in 2014 – a show that sold out in 15 minutes.

Within a year, Lynne's ELO had played at the Grammy Awards for the first time, performing Evil Woman and Mr Blue Sky, and in summer 2016 the band played the Pyramid Stage at the Glastonbury Festival.

Last year Lynne's ELO played Wembley Stadium, having been inducted into The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

"I was a little worried about Wembley," said Jeff. "But our fans are the best because they not only showed up, they sang along with all their hearts.

"I will never forget standing on stage, looking at that audience and hearing the sound of 60,000 of them singing my tunes – and sounding great, I might add."

Stand-up comic Josh Pugh in action

Feeling free to laugh

Birmingham Comedy Festival returns next week with a line-up including Ab Fab's Joanna Lumley, Rich Hall, Jimeoin, James Acaster, Tom Binns, Robin Ince and lots more.

Established in 2001, the annual festival has welcomed some of the biggest names in stand-up comedy and was set up to highlight the city's vibrant, but then largely unsung, comedy scene.

The 2018 festival kicks off with the EG Birmingham Comedy Festival Breaking Talent Award 2018 at the Glee Club tomorrow (Friday). Competing are West Bromwich's Laura Monmoth, Brummie NHS worker Sham Zaman, Hall Green duo Good Kids (teachers Kieran Ahern and Tom Dowling), Stoke's Phil Carr and Staffs comic Adam Beardsmore.

Also returning are the festival's popular Free Half-Dayers on successive Sundays (October 7 and 14) featuring 16 Edinburgh Fringe style one-hour shows – it's like a festival within the festival. The events take place at Cherry Reds and The Victoria pub from 1.15pm, both on John Bright Street, near Grand Central.

Events this Sunday include a revival of 1960s radio show Round The Horne, plus Good Kids, Lindsey Santoro and Aaeron Twitchen, as well as Dudley's Danndy Clives, Tom Ham, Alex Hylton, Jay Handley and Star Trek devotee Rik Carranza. The following Sunday features The Elvis Dead creator Rob Kemp with his new show, comedy troupe Fat Penguin Improv, Coronation Street's Gareth Berliner, plus Josh Pugh and Phil Pagett's Knowledge Club, among others.

See www.bhamcomfest.co.uk for more details.

Rock and reggae on gig agenda

Reggae veteran Toots Hibbert brings his Maytals to Digbeth's O2 Institute on Wednesday (Oct 10).

Toots and the Maytals were formed in 1960s Jamaica and helped coin the name reggae with their 1968 ska hit Do the Reggay. Their hits include Bam Bam, Monkey Man, 54-46 That's My Number, Pressure Drop and Funky Kingston.

Tomorrow (Friday), The Coral are at the Institute following the release of new album Move Through The Dawn. That's the same night London quartet Stereo Honey play the Sunflower Lounge in Brum city centre. Over in Kings Heath, ex-member of The Beautiful South, Alison Wheeler, sings their songs as part of The South at the Hare & Hounds.

Following Genesis guitarist Steve Hackett's sold out show at Symphony Hall tomorrow, a Genesis Extravaganza is staged by The Musical Box at the same venue on Saturday. Stourbridge heavy metal heroes Diamond Head rock the Robin in Bilston on Saturday and Black Country blues queen, Joanne Shaw Taylor, has sold out her homecoming show at the Robin on Sunday.

Scottish trio Fatherson, who have released new album Sum Of All Your Parts, play the Sunflower Lounge on Saturday.

Sunday sees Californian pop-punk band The Story So Far at the Institute. Former Spandau Ballet singer Tony Hadley croons at Symphony Hall on Monday.

On the tribute scene, Whole Lotta DC play the Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton, on Saturday and Black Country Beatles are at the Robin next Friday (Oct 12).

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The Island Pool is a classic country pub serving not only a high standard of food but great traditional ales.

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Jilted John – then and now

'Ere we go... 2... 3... 40! Jilted John has returned

To celebrate Jilted John's 40th anniversary and relive the summer of '78 that saw millions chanting 'Gordon is a moron', actor and musician Graham Fellows is recreating his first comic creation.

He is going on tour with a band in tow and brings the 'Ere We Go 2... 3... 40!! show to Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms on Friday, October 12, on what will be the one-hit-wonder's first tour. The punk comedy classic about John's dismal love life was voted Best One Hit Wonder of All Time by listeners to Steve Lamacq's 6 Music show, and will be performed alongside other favourites from the True Love Stories album.

Fellows was a drama student in Manchester when Jilted John took off. He later had a role in Coronation Street and created comedy character John Shuttleworth, who featured in several BBC Radio 4 series.

On his big hit, Graham says: "It was a series of happy accidents. I wrote the song in the canteen of my drama school. Someone showed me how to tune the guitar to an open chord to create that distinctive riff. I did a few demos. I went to see these hippies who had a record label and were releasing stuff by the Buzzcocks. They agreed to record it. The whole thing must have cost £200."

Support at Wolverhampton will come from another one hit wonder, John Otway, who charted in 1977 with Really Free.

Joanna says it's going to be absolutely fabulous

Joanna Lumley will bring her first ever live tour, It's All About Me, to Birmingham's Symphony Hall on Tuesday.

She will take the full-house audience through her hilarious and fascinating adventures, recounting some never-heard-before stories.

She will be joined on stage by friend and producer Clive Tulloh, who will put to Joanna questions from the audience.

Joanna said: "It's utterly thrilling to start planning the stories I can tell, and the rapture – and gratitude, to be fair – with which I shall greet the audiences. Nothing like this has come my way before, and I may have to be dragged off with a hook at the end of each show. I think it will be fabulous."

TV presenter, traveller, actor and all-round national treasure, Joanna first burst onto our screens as Purdey in The New Avengers in 1976, also creating an iconic hairstyle, going on to star in Sapphire & Steel.

Before that she had roles in Are You Being Served?, Coronation Street, in film as a victim of Christopher Lee's Dracula and as a Bond girl opposite George Lazenby in On Her Majesty's Secret Service.

She became a comedy legend with her Bafta-award winning creation Patsy Stone in Absolutely Fabulous opposite Jennifer Saunders.

From the swinging sixties up to her globe-trotting TV documentaries, Joanna will have many tales to tell in a gallop through almost 50 years in show business.

Joanna Lumley

Cirque Du Soleil stage latest egg-travaganza

Cirque Du Soleil, the world's biggest circus, is back in Birmingham this week when the international troupe bring Ovo to Arena Birmingham.

Ovo, meaning 'egg' in Portuguese, is a headlong rush into a colourful eco-system teeming with life, where insects work, eat, crawl, flutter, play, fight and look for love in a non-stop riot of energy and movement.

Having entertained more than five million people worldwide since the show premiered in Montreal in 2009 as a Big Top show, Ovo embarks on a world tour with an even bigger production. It features 50 acrobats, trapeze artists and clowns in the bizarre, colourful costumes that Cirque is famous for.

The show opened last night (Wednesday) and continues until Sunday with 8pm performances plus matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets start from £52.75. The Birmingham performances will mark the last UK dates of the European tour.

Guests have the write stuff for literature festival

Wolverhampton-born chef and author Nigel Slater and Wolverhampton-raised columnist and best-selling author Caitlin Moran feature in Birmingham Literature Festival.

Poet Liz Berry, from Sedgley, will appear in a National Poetry Day event today (Thursday) at 5.30pm in Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, to start the festival which runs until October 14. The new Poet Laureate and Young Poet Laureate for Birmingham will be announced at the event.

Caitlin Moran is in conversation with journalist Sali Hughes in the conservatoire's Bradshaw Hall tomorrow (Friday) and the event has sold out. Nigel Slater and Ravinder Bhogal will discuss their passion for food and writing on October 14 at The Studio, Birmingham Rep, at 3.30pm, introduced by Wulfrunian Sathnam Sanghera, best-selling author of The Boy with the Topknot. Other speakers at the festival will include comedian Alexei Sayle, musician Viv Albertine and broadcaster Lauren Laverne. See www.birminghamliteraturefestival.org

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CHOICE

Virtue Dixon

Troubles: The Life After (BBC2, 9.30pm)
An intimate account of the Troubles in Northern Ireland, told through the stories of people who lost loved ones during the conflict, which lasted more than 30 years. Contributors include Virtue Dixon, whose daughter Ruth was killed on her 24th birthday while celebrating at the Droppin' Well pub in Ballykelly in December 1982. An Irish National Liberation Army bomb brought the roof down, killing both civilians and British soldiers, and Virtue tells the story of the aftermath from her perspective.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Rugby League – Super League Playoffs Highlights. **2.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.20** BBC News. **5.30** Regional Programme. **5.40** Pointless Celebrities.

6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present as the pro-celebrity dance competition continues. Last week, the couples were given their first taste of the pressures of avoiding elimination, and the tension does not let up as the second round of the competition proper gets under way with Movie Week. As in previous competitions, the 14 duos are challenged to come up with routines that pay homage to Hollywood's greatest films, and as always, Shirley Ballas, Craig Revel Horwood, Bruno Tonioli and Darcey Bussell are on hand to deliver their verdict on the stars' performances. Viewers at home then get a chance to have their say over which performers to back ahead of the results show tomorrow night.

8.35 Casualty. Jacob is shocked to find Omo, his schizophrenic mother, has arrived in the ED along with his son Blake. Elle goes to deal with Omo, who refuses to believe there is anything wrong and resists treatment, thinking that Elle is keeping her there on Jacob's orders. Elsewhere, Gem asks Ruby if she can swap bedrooms and is delighted when she agrees.

9.25 Killing Eve. Eve undertakes her first surveillance operation, and Villanelle is sent to England to eliminate a member of British Intelligence – without knowing who the target is.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents the latest Premier League highlights, including Tottenham Hotspur v Cardiff City at Wembley Stadium.

11.55 The NFL Show. Mark Chapman is joined by Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to present highlights of Thursday night's game – New England Patriots v Indianapolis Colts at Gillette Stadium.

12.25 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.30 BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 Top Class. (R) **7.00** Marrying Mum and Dad. (R) **7.30** All Over the Place: Europe. (R) **8.00** The Dengineers. (R) **8.30** Absolute Genius with Dick & Dom. (R) **9.00** Planet Dinosaur. (R) **9.30** Elephant Diaries. (R) **10.00** The Animal's Guide to Britain. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** The Incredible Spice Men. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Great British Menu. (R) **1.30** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **2.15** Giraffes: Africa's Gentle Giants. (R) **3.15** Saving Lives at Sea. (R) **4.15** Trust Me, I'm a Doctor. (R) **4.45** Monkman & Seagull's Genius Guide to Britain. (R) **5.15** Flog It! (R) **5.50** Dad's Army. (R)

6.20 Film: Mr Holmes. (2015) An elderly Sherlock Holmes retires to a seaside farmhouse in the aftermath of the Second World War, and struggles to cope with his diminished faculties. Assisted by his housekeeper's inquisitive son, he tries to piece together the events of the one case that he failed to solve. Period mystery based on Mitch Cullin's novel A Slight Trick of the Mind, starring Ian McKellen.

8.00 A House Through Time. Documentary charting 180 years of British history as lived through by the successive inhabitants of a terraced house in Liverpool, from the 1840s to the present day. (R)

9.00 Live at the Apollo. Sitcom star and The Last Leg regular Josh Widdicombe welcomes Londoner Nathan Caton and Australian comic Celia Pacquola to the stage at London's Hammersmith Apollo. (R)

9.30 Troubles: The Life After. An intimate account of the Troubles in Northern Ireland, told through the stories of people who lost loved ones during the conflict, which lasted more than 30 years.

10.50 Snowfall. New series. Hard-hitting drama about the beginnings of the crack epidemic in 1980s Los Angeles. Damson Idris, Carter Hudson and Emily Rios star.

11.35 Later Weekend with Jools Holland. Muse perform songs from their upcoming release Simulation Theory and Southampton-born Laurel makes her first appearance on the show, with music from her full-length debut Dogviolet.

12.40 Film: Department Q: The Absent One. (2014) **2.35** Trust. (R) **3.30** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dana. **6.10** Super 4. (R) **6.25** Super 4. (R) **6.35** Make It Pop. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.15** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: ToonMarty. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Mighty Magiswords! (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** James Martin's Saturday Morning. **11.40** The Island Strait. (R) **12.15** The X Factor. (R) **1.15** ITV News; Weather. **1.30 Film:** Johnny English Reborn. (2011) Spy comedy sequel, starring Rowan Atkinson. **3.30** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **4.30** The Chase. (R) **5.30** ITV News; Weather. **5.50** Regional Programme ; Weather.

6.00 Film: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix. (2007) The young wizard struggles to convince his fellow sorcerers that the evil Lord Voldemort has returned to life. When Hogwarts headmaster Dumbledore is ousted in favour of a sadistic replacement, Harry realises he must take matters into his own hands, uniting his fellow pupils to form a secret army and training them for the inevitable confrontation to come. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint and Gary Oldman.

8.35 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary hosts the third and final Six Chair Challenge episode, in which the acts perform individually before the judges choose who will be selected for the next stage. However, even if a contender is selected to go through to the next stage, the judges are free to change their minds and ditch them if a more promising alternative comes along later in the show. However, this year each judge has a golden button, which guarantees one act in their line-up a place in the final six, meaning that once they have a seat, they cannot be swapped out.

9.50 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host is joined by guests Gordon Ramsay, Fred Sirieix, Gino D'Acampo, Bear Grylls and Romesh Ranganathan.

10.55 ITV News; Weather.

11.15 Film: Twins. (1988)

1.05 Jackpot247. **3.00** Long Lost Family. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Formula 1 Japanese Grand Prix Qualifying Live. **8.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Formula 1 Japanese Grand Prix Qualifying Replay. **12.30** Car SOS. (R) **1.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **4.00** A Place in the Sun. (R) **4.35** The People's Vet. **5.35** Escape to the Chateau: DIY. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Britain at Low Tide. Tori Herridge uncovers the story behind a dramatic night in 1976 when fishing trawler the Admiral Von Tromp went wildly off course in the North Sea, after setting off in Scarborough and running aground in Whitby, North Yorkshire, with the wreckage still visible on the shores of Saltwick Bay to this day. The massive remains of a First World War fort lead Tori to tales of love in the East Yorkshire hamlet of Kilnsea, and she learns the strange fate of two ships that were built in Hull but ended up on top of a mountain in Peru. (R)

8.00 Britain's Most Historic Towns. Alice Roberts tells the story of Viking England by studying the history of York. She takes part in a Viking battle, meets the metal detectorists behind one of the UK's greatest archaeological finds and gets her hands on an almost 1,000-year-old poo. Aerial archaeologist Ben Robinson takes to the skies to see how the layout of York reflects its history. (R)

9.00 Film: Deadpool. (2016) Premiere. A fast-talking former mercenary develops terminal cancer, and agrees to be the subject in a shady experiment in the hope of a cure. The procedure leaves him horribly disfigured, but also possessing superhuman abilities which he immediately puts to use in a quest for revenge on the man responsible for his hideous appearance. Superhero comedy adventure, starring Ryan Reynolds.

11.10 Film: Conan the Barbarian. (2011) A warrior seeks revenge on the warlord who killed his father, and tries to stop him magically making himself all-powerful. Fantasy adventure, with Jason Momoa and Stephen Lang.

1.05 Experimental. (R) **2.00** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.05** Vet on the Hill.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.50** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.05** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.20** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.15** Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R) **11.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.40** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.40** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.45** Live Gallagher Premiership Rugby Union. **5.15** World's Scariest Plane Landings. (R)

6.00 Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords. Brent Council officers find a severely overcrowded house in north London, while Harrow Council try to help a family forced to sleep in one room due to leaks coming from the roof. (R)

6.45 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Stewart and Iain confront a woman in Cheshire refusing to pay a veterinary practice, claiming her dog was misdiagnosed. Paul and Max chase £5,000 owed by a banned company director. (R)

7.35 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Gary and Paul try to recover a debt owed by a Kent publican – only to find themselves in the middle of a family at war – and Stewart and Elmor repossess a property in Liverpool. (R)

8.30 5 News Weekend.

8.35 Doomsday of Pompeii: Rome Unwrapped. Documentary about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD, which spilled seven million tonnes of debris onto the city of Pompeii and sealed the fate of more than 1,000 people.

9.35 Eight Days That Made Rome: The Spartacus Revolt. Bettany Hughes recalls the moment that Spartacus, a Thracian gladiator fighting for the entertainment of the Romans, broke out of gladiator school and started a slave revolt. (R)

10.35 The Murder of Julius Caesar. Novelist Robert Harris and historian Neil Faulkner are among the experts examining the events surrounding the assassination of the Roman dictator. (R)

11.35 Helicopter Pursuits: Caught on Camera. A compilation of police helicopter chases taken from the first three series of the documentary. (R)

12.05 FIA World Rally Championship Highlights. **12.35** SuperCasino. **3.10** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) **4.45** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** House Doctor. (R) **5.35** Divine Designs. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Monkey Planet **8.00** Big Cats **9.00** Mystery Road **10.45** Inside No 9 **11.45** I'm Not In Love: The Story of 10cc **12.45** Top of the Pops: 1986 **1.45** Monkey Planet **2.45** Big Cats **3.45** Close

ITV2
11.15 The X Factor **12.15** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.20 Film:** You've Got Mail (1998) **2.25** FYI Daily **2.30 Film:** You've Got Mail (1998) **3.40 Film:** Yes Man (2008) **4.40** FYI Daily **4.45 Film:** Yes Man (2008) **5.45 Film:** Twister (1996) **6.45** FYI Daily **6.50 Film:** Twister (1996) **8.00 Film:** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05 Film:** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) **10.10** Celebrity Juice **10.55** Family Guy **12.50** American Dad! **1.50** The Cleveland Show **2.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3
3.10 Film: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) **5.00** Lewis **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** A Touch of Frost **1.10** On the Buses **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
12.00 Pawn Stars **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Ascot. Coverage from Ascot, Newmarket and Redcar. **4.00** World Cup Rivalries: Brazil v Italy **4.20** Pawn Stars **6.10** Mr Bean **7.20 Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **8.20** FYI Daily **8.25 Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **9.00 Film:** Green Zone (2010) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** Green Zone (2010) **11.15 Film:** Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (2011) **12.15** FYI Daily **12.20 Film:** Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (2011) **1.50** The Americans **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
11.05 Brooklyn Nine-Nine **12.05** The Big Bang Theory **1.00** The Great British Bake Off **2.20** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **3.30 Film:** Ice Age: The Meltdown (2006) **5.15** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** A Good Day to Die Hard (2013) **11.00** Gogglebox **1.10** The Inbetweeners **2.20** Celebs Go Dating **3.10** Gogglebox **4.05** How I Met Your Mother

Film4
11.00 The Boxtrolls (2014) **12.55** Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) **2.45** Hotel for Dogs (2009) **4.50** First Daughter (2004) **7.00** Taxi (2004) **9.00** The Wolf of Wall Street (2013) Martin Scorsese's fact-based drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio. **12.40** Troll Hunter (2010) **2.55** Close

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CHOICE

Jodie Whittaker

Doctor Who (BBC1, 6.45pm)
Jodie Whittaker makes her debut as the 13th Doctor, who crash lands following an explosive regeneration that has apparently destroyed the Tardis. She finds herself lost and alone in Sheffield, with no memory of who she used to be - and has an encounter with three seemingly ordinary people whose lives are about to change for ever. Bradley Walsh, Tosin Cole and Mandip Gill co-star as the Doctor's new companions.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **8.35** Match of the Day. (R) **10.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **11.00** Regional Programme. **11.30** Sunday Morning Live. **12.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.45** Points of View. **3.00** Songs of Praise. **3.35** Eat Well for Less? (R) **4.35** Pointless Celebrities. **5.20** BBC News. **5.35** Regional Programme. **5.45** Countryfile.

6.45 Doctor Who. New series. Jodie Whittaker makes her debut as the 13th Doctor, who is left with no memory following an explosive regeneration that has apparently destroyed the Tardis.

7.45 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Claudia Winkleman and Tess Daly reveal the next couple to leave the contest. Plus, a performance by Gladys Knight, singing her 1989 James Bond theme song Licence to Kill.

8.30 Still Open All Hours. David Jason stars as Granville in this follow-up to Open All Hours, now running the shop with his son Leroy after inheriting the business.

9.00 The Cry. Joanna finds herself at the centre of a media circus as the world's press descends on Wilde Bay to report on the disappearance. She becomes obsessed with people forming theories about her child's fate on the internet, adopting a fake identity to join in the discussion. As the police investigation continues, she and Alistair are forced to adopt different strategies for coping with the constant intrusion, a pressure which threatens to break their relationship.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, introducing highlights of Liverpool v Manchester City, Fulham v Arsenal and Southampton v Chelsea.

11.40 The Apprentice. The business-based reality show returns, with 16 candidates hoping to scoop a £250,000 investment from Alan Sugar, who sends the hopefuls to Malta for their first task. (R)

12.40 The Apprentice: You're Fired. (R) **1.10** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Coast. (R) **6.35** Around the World in 80 Gardens. (R) **7.35** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **2.00** Alec Guinness: Talking Pictures. (R) **2.45 Film:** The Man in the White Suit. (1951) **4.05** Animal Park. (R) **4.15** Super Giant Animals. (R) **5.15** King Arthur's Britain: The Truth Unearthed. (R)

6.15 Grammar Schools: Who Will Get In? Students face their mock GCSEs, while the head teachers of Erith and Townley announce a plan to bring both schools into the same trust. Last in the series. (R)

7.15 Philippines: Island Treasures. Mike Dilger and Rico Hizon go in search of rich culture and rare wildlife in one of the greatest biodiversity hotspots in the world – the Philippines.

8.00 The Mediterranean with Simon Reeve. New series. A journey around the region, examining the challenges currently facing the nations in the area. In the first episode, Simon visits Malta, southern Italy and Albania.

9.00 Last Chance Lawyer New York City. New series. Documentary following the exploits of criminal lawyer Howard Greenberg, who wages "war" against the US government from his office in Brooklyn.

9.45 Mock the Week. Topical comedy quiz show. (R)

10.15 No Activity. Stokes and Hendy are joined in the car by Carol's son Lachy. Meanwhile, Carol complains to a shocked April that she's been put on a shift with Lee.

10.40 No Activity. Carol is excited about her new colleague, while Stokes is trying out a new nap regime. Bernie is stunned to learn that Elizabeth has always wanted to be a stand-up comedian.

11.10 Billion Dollar Deals and How They Changed Your World. Jacques Peretti explores the deals that shaped the way people understand money, from the invention of PayPal to contactless transactions. (R)

12.10 Rugby League: Million Pound Game Highlights. **1.10** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **2.10** Holby City. (R) **3.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

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6.30 ITV News; Weather.

6.45 Regional Programme; Weather.

7.00 5 Gold Rings. Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield, in which contestants compete to answer visual questions by placing rings on an LED floor.

8.00 The X Factor. The live shows draw closer for the remaining 24 acts as they jet off to the Judges' Houses stage, in a bid to land a coveted place in the live shows.

9.00 Vanity Fair. Becky is left alone in the world and living in greatly reduced circumstances when Steyne arranges for Rawdon to be shipped overseas. Dobbin discovers that Amelia plans to remarry, a revelation that inspires him to finally confess his feelings for her – but he is not prepared for her reaction. The Sedley family takes a holiday in Germany, where they are unexpectedly reunited with Becky – who gets the chance to redeem a lifetime of selfishness by performing a single good deed on behalf of her dearest friend. Last in the series.

10.05 The Imitation Game. Alexander Armstrong hosts the panel show, with Rory Bremner, Debra Stephenson, Alistair McGowan and Ronni Ancona staging their own version of the Olympics.

10.45 ITV News; Weather.

11.05 Joanna Lumley's Silk Road Adventure. (R)

12.05 Strangers. (R) **12.55** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R) **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights. (R) **4.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Formula 1 Japanese Grand Prix Live. **8.30** Formula 1 Japanese Grand Prix Live Reaction. **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Formula 1 Japanese Grand Prix Re-Run. **3.15** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **4.35** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.35** Grand Designs. (R)

6.35 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Phil Spencer's Stately Homes. The property expert returns to look round more of Britain's stately homes, beginning at Longleat House in Wiltshire, home to the Viscount of Weymouth. Phil learns how Longleat has always been one of Britain's most innovative stately homes, and hears tales of lovesick ghosts and how the building was originally planned as an attempt to wow Queen Elizabeth I. (R)

8.00 Great Canal Journeys. New series. Timothy West and Prunella Scales travel down the River Nile from Luxor to Aswan. Tim has some misgivings about attempting such a daring journey, but is won over by Pru's desire for fresh adventure. They discover how travel along the river was vital to the ancient Egyptian civilisation, and discover how the first ever canals were constructed nearby to ferry building materials for the temple at Karnak. Along the way, they visit a Nubian village, purchase aphrodisiacs in a souk, and dance by moonlight.

9.00 Celebrity Island with Bear Grylls. Only seven celebrities remain on the island, and they have not eaten in days. They begin to regret the decision to bury the pig they accidentally killed instead of making a meal of it. Martin suffers an infected wound on his leg and fears he will not make it to the end of the series, but becomes determined to help his fellow castaways by leading a raft expedition in search of food.

10.00 The Circle. Series assessing the impact of social media, in which individuals from all walks of life compete in a popularity contest.

11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show, with Sean Lock and Greg Davies taking on Jon Richardson and Holly Walsh. (R)

12.00 Film: A Walk in the Woods. (2015) **1.55** Motor Sport: Mini Challenge. (R) **2.20** Gillette World Sport. **2.45** Mobil 1: The Grid. (R) **3.15** Grand Designs New Zealand. (R) **4.10** Vet on the Hill. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **6.30** Luo Bao Bei. (R) **6.40** Digby Dragon. (R) **6.50** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.00** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.25** Rusty Rivets. (R) **7.40** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.10** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.25** Nella the Princess Knight. **8.45** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.00** Pirata & Capitano. (R) **9.15** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **9.30** Floogals. (R) **9.50** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.05** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.20** The Wonderful World of Puppies. (R) **11.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.00** Live FIA World Rally Championship. **1.30** Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R) **2.00** Friends. (R) **2.30** Friends. (R) **3.00** Friends. (R) **3.30** Friends. (R) **4.00** Friends. (R) **4.30** Friends. (R) **5.00** Friends. (R) **5.30** Friends. (R)

6.00 Friends. Ross lets Rachel in on his most secret sexual fantasy, and Chandler gets involved with an old flame. (R)

6.30 Friends. Ross prepares to make an important speech at the museum, and invites the gang along for moral support – but soon regrets his decision. (R)

7.00 Inside the Chocolate Factory. The story of a business that started out making cocoa and drinking chocolate almost 200 years ago, eventually evolving into one of the most famous chocolate brands in the world. (R)

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 Rolls-Royce: Dream Machines. The inside story of the engineering company, looking at how Charles Rolls and Henry Royce created the ultimate in luxury car brands. (R)

9.00 WW2 Wrecks: Draining the Ocean. Documentary exploring the undersea wreckage of Second World War vessels, using 3D reconstructions to reveal how they sank.

10.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights.

11.30 Film: Mr & Mrs Smith. (2005) Comedy adventure, with Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

12.30 Access. **12.35 Film:** Mr & Mrs Smith. (2005) Concluded. **1.35** SuperCasino. **3.10** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) **4.45** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** House Doctor. (R) **5.35** Divine Designs. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Engineering Giants: Gas Rig Strip-Down **8.00** James May's Cars of the People **9.00** Cold War, Hot Jets **10.00** Feud: Bette and Joan **11.40** Wonders of the Great Barrier Reef with Iolo Williams **12.35** Treasures of Ancient Greece **1.35** Andre Previn at the BBC **2.35** James May's Cars of the People **3.35** Close

ITV2
12.15 You've Been Framed! Gold **1.15** The X Factor **2.30 Film:** Happy Feet (2006) **3.30** FYI Daily **3.35 Film:** Happy Feet (2006) **4.40 Film:** Despicable Me 2 (2013) **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45 Film:** Despicable Me 2 (2013) **6.35 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **7.45** FYI Daily **7.50 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.25 Film:** Piranha (2010) **1.30** FYI Daily **1.35 Film:** Piranha (2010) **2.15** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
12.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot **2.55 Film:** Columbo: Dagger of the Mind (1972) **4.55** Foyle's War **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Wire in the Blood **1.10** A Touch of Frost **3.00** Road to Avonlea **4.45** Murder, She Wrote **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4
12.55 Pawn Stars **2.20 Film:** Bend of the River (1952) **3.20** FYI Daily **3.25 Film:** Bend of the River (1952) **4.15 Film:** Lawman (1971) **5.15** FYI Daily **5.20 Film:** Lawman (1971) **6.10** Made in Britain **7.15 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **9.00 Film:** Passenger 57 (1992) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** Passenger 57 (1992) **10.50 Film:** Death Wish 2 (1981) **11.50** FYI Daily **11.55 Film:** Death Wish 2 (1981) **12.40** The Avengers **1.45** Minder **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.55 The Goldbergs **2.55** The Big Bang Theory **6.50 Film:** The Three Musketeers (2011) **9.00** Krypton **11.00** The Inbetweeners **12.10** The Big Bang Theory **1.10** Krypton **3.00** Rude Tube **3.25** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 The Cockleshell Heroes (1955) **1.05** Flight of the Navigator (1986) **2.50** Epic (2013) **4.55** Carry On Jack (1963) **6.55** Edward Scissorhands (1990) **9.00** Taken 3 (2014) **11.15** True Grit (2010) **1.25** Love, Rosie (2014) **3.35** Close

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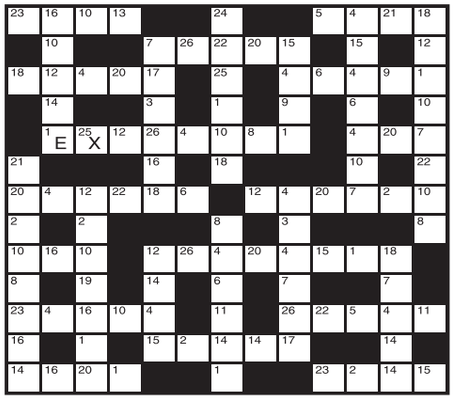

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.

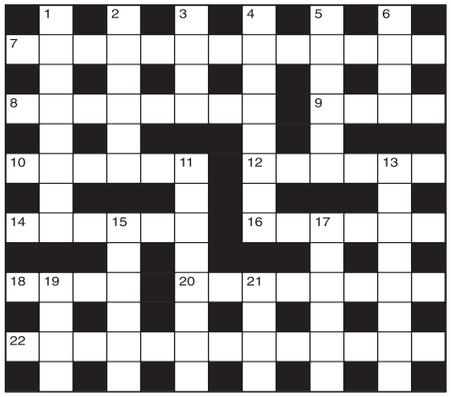
Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Order climbing down to be in unbroken line (6,7)
8. Disgusted leader is to command unruliness (8)
9. What cats and racing drivers have in common (4)
10. Ancient Greek coin which indicates its value? (6)
12. Take out cover when at home, certainly (6)
14. Accommodation for those inside (6)
16. Narrow-minded because needing fresh air? (6)
18. Cab obtained, thanks to team (4)
20. More than 1000 run because of error in newspaper (8)
22. Bulb production as opposed to heavy engineering? (5,8)

Down

1. Parson is one in large church (8)
2. News item about the left (6)
3. Fastener for breeding establishment (4)
4. Corresponding opening using expensive knights? (4,4)
5. For weighing parts of fish? (6)
6. Break up things in the kitchen (4)
11. Telephone chief for section of electricity supply system (4,4)
13. Petrol producer, for example, again takes showy ornaments (8)
15. Trivial insult (6)
17. Trouble for the United Nations and the others (6)
19. Since including team, things revolve round it (4)
21. One aspect of the team (4)



Quick Clues:

Across

7. Ignominious (13)
8. Lees (8)
9. Kind (4)
10. Amuse (6)
12. Toboggan (6)
14. Improved (6)
16. Eatable (6)
18. Space (4)
20. Power (8)
22. Compliant (13)

Down

1. Vital cord (8)
2. Writer (6)
3. Small valley (4)
4. Aversion (8)
5. Cloak (6)
6. Smack (4)
11. Irritating (8)
13. Jelly-like substance (8)
15. Hoyden (6)
17. Kindle (6)
19. Formerly (4)
21. Impolite (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Curb; 8 Electorate; 9 Testable; 10 Soda; 12 Stupor; 14 Siding; 15 Skater; 17 Rushes; 18 Wren; 19 Tomahawk; 21 Call to arms; 22 Take. Down: 2 Undertaker; 3 Beat; 4 Member; 5 Athens; 6 Presides; 7 Beta; 11 Donkey-work; 13 Patently; 16 Ration; 17 Remark; 18 Wick; 20 Host.
QUICK - Across: 1 Tiff; 8 Exuberance; 9 Maternal; 10 Hook; 12 Punish; 14 Relent; 15 Bandit; 17 Perish; 18 Reel; 19 Ecstatic; 21 Pugnacious; 22 Oath. Down: 2 Immaculate; 3 Fete; 4 Quench; 5 Pedlar; 6 Bachelor; 7 Seek; 11 Omniscient; 13 Indolent; 16 Trench; 17 Pastor; 18 Rope; 20 Also.

Quiz

1. Who wrote the libretto for Stravinsky's opera The Rake's Progress?
2. What type of creature is an argonaut?
3. What may be real, complex or rational?
4. For what is the panther another name?
5. On which river is Indianapolis?
6. In which country is Sucre?
7. What is the name of the sun's faint halo, visible at solar eclipses?
8. In which Irish county are Macgillycuddy's Reeks?
9. What is fescue?
10. Which best-selling thriller writer died in February 1995?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Robert Bolt; 2 An eel; 3 Orestes; 4 Liverpool; 5 Peter Pan; 6 Ocean water; 7 Shark; 8 Mariner 2; 9 Klapka; 10 New York.

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Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

453467 gives a colour,
4517 gives a second colour,
9287 gives colour.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Facelifted CX-3 still a strong contender

By Tom Wiltshire

Mazda has a habit of regularly updating its cars with small refinements and improvements, rather than saving them all for a big update every few years. Such is the way with the 2018 CX-3 compact crossover, which you might find difficult to tell apart from its predecessor.

Small changes aside, it's the same recipe we've come to appreciate from Mazda – good looks, a straightforward interior, smooth, naturally-aspirated petrol engines and excellent driving manners.

Oddly enough given the current anti-diesel rhetoric, one of the largest changes for the updated CX-3 is the addition of a new 1.8-litre oil-burner. Mazda UK admits it's unlikely to be in huge demand, though – the outgoing 1.5 only accounted for 20 per cent of sales.

Elsewhere, changes are discreet to say the least. There's a revised front grille and some new LED taillights, while the interior sees a redesigned centre console and some new fabric trim.

Of the three engines on offer, it's the base unit that impresses the most. The naturally-aspirated, 119bhp 2.0-litre is smooth and refined around town and mated to a slick six-speed manual it's also good fun to wring out. The payoff for going naturally aspirated is that official fuel economy results tend to be far closer to reality – the claimed 45.5mpg is certainly achievable.

Also on offer is a 148bhp version of the same engine and the new diesel is impressively economical. Four-wheel drive is an option for all engines, while both petrols can also be had with a six-speed automatic gearbox.

Four-wheel drive is an option for all engines

Mazda is somewhat like Ford – both brands are skilled at making ordinary cars with exceptional handling. While the Focus pips the 3 and the Fiesta the 2, Mazda's CX-3 certainly has the Ford Ecosport licked when it comes to handling in the compact crossover segment. The CX-3's steering is sharp and accurate, and front-end grip inspires more confidence than many other cars in this class. There's not a huge ride penalty, either.

Mazda's tweaked the suspension to give the car a more grown-up feel, but the slightly softer edge might not be to your taste – it soaks up bumps well but tends to bounce over larger crests in the road surface.

It's a comfortable cruiser though, despite rather a lot of wind roar from those large side mirrors. Much like the old CX-3, and that's no bad thing. Mazda's family face sits well on the front of this car, and the overall effect of a smaller CX-5 is quite handsome.

The CX-3's updated grille is flanked by slim LED headlights, mirrored in the distinctive new LED tail lights. The whole effect is lifted further by the addition of Mazda's Soul Red Crystal paint – one of the best colours available on cars today, and an option box well worth ticking.

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The CX-3 lifts its interior from the Mazda 2, so there's a pleasantly driver-focused aspect to the cabin with a wonderfully straightforward gauge cluster. There are rather a lot of different materials on show, of varying quality – we're not the biggest fans of the suede stripe across the dash on certain models, but other aspects such as the solid metal surrounds to the air vents feel solid and premium.

The redesigned centre console drops the manual handbrake for an electric one, but as a side effect the controller for Mazda's infotainment system moves further forward to a far more comfortable location. The system itself is decent, but we'd suggest adding Apple Carplay and Android Auto to improve it further – an optional, dealer-fit extra.

There's a decent amount of space on offer, but the CX-3 is still more cramped for rear occupants than some rivals such as the Skoda Karoq.

All CX-3s are well equipped – Mazda's options list rarely extends further than the paint colour. Trim levels start out with SE Nav+, which brings air-con, cruise control, keyless start and Mazda's infotainment system.

SE-L Nav+, meanwhile adds rear parking sensors, climate control and some extra safety kit. Top-spec Sport Nav adds leather, a Bose surround-sound system and keyless entry, plus LED headlights.

It doesn't come cheap – the CX-3 starts from £18,995, where a basic Seat Arona can be had from less than £17,000.

For keen drivers, the Mazda CX-3 should still be on the compact crossover shortlist – it's a great little car to drive in and out of the city. Potential buyers should take a good test drive to make sure the character of the naturally-aspirated engine suits them, though – and if you're not too worried about premium equipment, there is better value to be found elsewhere.

But for the most part this is an excellent car with plenty going for it.

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Porsche axes diesel power from line-up

Porsche has confirmed that diesel power will no longer feature in its line-up of vehicles.

The German firm, which last brought out a diesel machine in February, cited a decline in demand for black-pump cars and its focus on developing electric technologies as reasons for dropping the fuel.

It previously offered diesel powertrains in its Macan and Cayenne SUVs, as well as for the Panamera, but says the fuel only made up 12 per cent of Porsche sales in 2017.

Oliver Blume, Porsche chief executive, said: "Porsche is not demonising diesel. It is, and will remain, an important propulsion technology.

"We as a sports car manufacturer, however, for whom diesel has always played a secondary role, have come to the conclusion that we would like our future to be diesel-free. Naturally, we will continue to look after our existing diesel customers with the professionalism they expect."

The firm says it will have invested more than six billion euros (circa £5.4bn) in electric vehicles by 2022, and claims that 63 per cent of Panameras sold in Europe are already hybrid.

Its first all-electric car, the Taycan, is set to debut in 2019. Exact specs for it have yet to be revealed, but Porsche claims it will boast a range in excess of 310 miles while delivering more than 591bhp.

Blume added: "Our aim is to occupy the technological vanguard – we are intensifying our focus on the core of our brand while consistently aligning our company with the mobility of the future."

Parent company Volkswagen was found to have cheated diesel engine emissions tests in 2015, sparking a global scandal.

Jaguar XE sets lap record at forgotten Grand Prix circuit

By Sharon Walters

The Jaguar XE has followed the SV Project 8 performance saloon onto the track by setting a unique lap record, this time around a long-forgotten Grand Prix circuit in France.

The 8km Circuit de Charade in Clermont Ferrand, which included public road sections, hosted the French Grand Prix in 1965, 1969, 1970 and 1972. It fell out of favour as loose volcanic rock and the lack of any real run-off areas took their toll on cars and drivers alike. The full, longer circuit was last used in 1988 so Jaguar returned to the historic track to mark the anniversary of its closure by completing the first flying lap of the circuit in three decades.

After completing the fastest ever lap of the Nürburgring Nordschleife in a production saloon behind the wheel of the XE's track-ready stablemate, the SV Project 8, driver Vincent Radermecker attempted to set a production saloon lap record in the XE 300 SPORT. With a roundabout and two narrow gateways not used in the original circuit to contend with, Vincent lapped the demanding track in just 4 minutes 09 seconds at an average speed of 116km/h (72mph).

Vincent Radermecker said: "I set the production saloon record at the Nürburgring in the XE SV Project 8 last year and this lap was every bit as demanding. The agility, dynamic handling and all-wheel drive traction of the XE 300 SPORT came into its own on this challenging track. The longest straight is barely 600 metres, so I can see why drivers used to call this the French Nürburgring. It's a privilege to drive this track and it's really special to drive here with Jaguar."

The XE 300 SPORT is powered by a 300PS 2.0-litre Ingenium petrol engine and is capable of 0-100km/h in 5.7 seconds (0-60mph in 5.4 seconds). With 400Nm of torque, Vincent was able to make full use of the XE's exceptional handling capabilities to exploit the smallest of opportunities throughout the twisty, undulating track, which snakes around the extinct volcano that sits in the centre of the original layout.

Driver Vincent Radermecker set a production saloon lap record in the XE 300 SPORT

Mike Cross, Jaguar Land Rover chief engineer, said: "The XE features a lightweight, stiff Aluminium-intensive Architecture and sophisticated integral-link rear suspension, making it the best driver's car in its class. Following the XE SV Project 8's record-setting lap at the Nürbugring, for the 300 SPORT to set a record on this fast, flowing and demanding circuit demonstrates that these are two cars with one DNA."

With its dynamic design and aluminium-intensive body construction, the XE provides the perfect basis for the enhanced performance of the SV Project 8. Taking the already agile and responsive handling of the standard car, the SV Project 8 takes things to the next level with a range of engineering enhancements.

Available exclusively with the 300PS 2.0-litre petrol engine, all 300 SPORT models feature unique Dark Satin Grey details including the door mirror caps, rear spoiler and grille surround, along with 300 SPORT badging on the front grille and boot lid.

Distinctive 19-inch or 20-inch Satin Technical Grey finish wheels are exclusive to the special edition along with 300 SPORT-branded brake callipers. Customers can choose from four exterior colours: Yulong White, Indus Silver, Santorini Black and Caldera Red.

The Jaguar XE starts from £31,505 in the UK and models are available with a range of clean and efficient diesel and petrol engines. For more information, visit www.jaguar.co.uk

Jaguar worked closely with the track owners and local authorities to re-establish the original Circuit de Charade layout for the 300 SPORT's flying lap by reopening sections linking today's track with the public roads that make up the daunting original.

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Simple ways to make journeys safer

Road safety and breakdown organisation GEM Motoring Assist is encouraging all road users to make use of five tips that will reduce risk on their journeys.

The call came in the week that road safety organisations across Europe come together for Project EDWARD, the European Day Without a Road Death.

GEM road safety officer Neil Worth comments: "GEM was the founding sponsor of Project EDWARD in 2016, and we continue to support what we see as a very worthwhile initiative.

"In spite of significant concerted effort among road safety professionals, politicians and policy makers, the sad truth is that there are still around 70 deaths on Europe's roads every day.

"Furthermore, for every person dying, there are up to 50 who suffer serious, life-changing injuries in a road traffic collision.

"The vast majority of these are innocent, hard-working individuals who most likely have set out on a normal day to do the same sort of things they did last week, and the week before… yet they lose their lives in a collision.

"Along with the organisers of Project EDWARD, we believe that if every road user would commit to making small changes, then the road safety improvements will be huge and we really can achieve big reductions in the number of people who are killed or seriously injured.

"So take a look at our safety tips, and please do your bit for Project EDWARD, not just this Wednesday, but all the time you are using the roads, so that we can work towards having Every Day Without A Road Death."

GEM's five driver safety tips for Project EDWARD:

● Always wear a seatbelt, even on the shortest journeys.

And ensure everyone in the car with you wears a seatbelt.

Wearing a seatbelt reduces the risk of death by 45 per cent for drivers and front seat occupants, and reduces the risk of serious injury by 50 per cent.

● Make a point of always knowing the speed limits, and sticking to them. Inappropriate speed accounts for nearly a quarter of collisions which result in death.

● Get an eye test. Good eyesight is essential for safe driving, so if you haven't had your eyes checked in the past 12 months, make a point of booking a professional vision test.

● Stay alert, throughout your journey. Banish dangerous distractions such as mobile phones, and ensure you take regular breaks on long journeys.

● Spare a thought for others: be courteous and hold back if it might help another driver, a cyclist, pedestrian or other road user. And if your good turn isn't acknowledged, don't bear a grudge!

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Triumphant European team after reclaiming the Ryder Cup in Paris at the weekend beating the US 17.5 -10.5

This is what it is all about – the Ryder Cup trophy

Peter Baker at the South Staffordshire Golf Club and, right, in 1993

Peter Baker on the 17th tee at the Forest of Arden

Ryder Cup memories burn bright for Baker

AS the victorious European team reclaimed the Ryder Cup in Paris at the weekend it brought back memories for someone closer to home.

The team wrapped up a 17.5-10.5 victory over the United States. And whenever the Ryder Cup rolls around, Peter Baker is reminded of 1993. "That was the highlight of my career," he smiles, 25 years later.

"I beat Corey Pavin in the singles, and beat Fred Couples and Paul Azinger in the four-ball with Woosy (Ian Woosnam).

"That was a big year. I won a couple of tournaments and played well in the Ryder Cup."

Baker was just 25 at the time and ranked 67 in the world. He was the second youngest golfer in the competition and the lowest-ranked player in the European team.

But even though Europe lost that year, Baker finished as one of their stars with three wins and one defeat. And to say he and Woosnam beat Couples and Azinger, who were ranked five and six in the world at the time, is somewhat of an understatement.

They demolished them to leave Europe one point ahead going into the singles.

Relaxed

But Baker, who grew up in Codsall and now lives '1,000 yards' from his old house in Tettenhall, is refusing to live on past glories. Having recently turned 50, the South Staffordshire Golf Club professional is enjoying a second career on the European Senior Tour.

"I'm enjoying the competition side of it," he said. "It's funny because I haven't done it for a while so I'm getting used to it again. It's nice to get another chance, in a way. It's a little bit more relaxed, but funnily enough I was leading the other week going into the last round and it felt weird.

"I felt a bit under pressure, a bit edgy. I thought 'bloody hell, I haven't done this for a while'. It's about getting used to that pressure. Hopefully I'll calm down a bit."

Senior Tours are serious business these days. Baker has watched one of his friends, Paul Broadhurst, from Walsall, win the 2016 Senior Open and this year's Senior PGA Championship. Broadhurst took home $585,000 for winning that second major and has made a staggering $1.1million so far this year across the pond on the PGA Champions Tour.

SPORTING FEATURE

By Matt Wilson

"I'm enjoying the competition side of it. I haven't done it for a while so I'm getting used to it again"

Baker's winnings from the European Senior Tour are slightly more modest, but turning 50 can give golfers a second crack of the whip.

However, the 2006 Ryder Cup vice-captain is picking and choosing his battles these days.

"When I played on the main tour I did nearly 600 tournaments so I missed a lot of my kids growing up," he admitted. "I'd better make it up to them now. They are 25 and 26 so they're well on the way though."

"It's not just a case of dusting off the clubs and raking in the cash, because it takes more work getting back into shape once you're the other side of 50.

"This last year I've done a bit more gym work, more stretching work, trying to make myself more durable," he said. "I don't think there's a better exercise than swinging the club though.

"You can't quite go at it like you used to because you're in bits the next day. If you keep swinging it helps, rather than have a week off, because then you're stiff. It's hard work on the joints, you do get a bit sore.

"You get to know yourself a bit better. You're always looking to recover a bit better, ice baths, etc. And then if you've played well a nice cold beer, that's how we used to do it, nothing wrong with that. It's a bit of a rehydration!"

But life on Tour is not necessarily as glamorous as it appears.

"It's not so much the long days," he says. "It's the travelling and the hotels, they're all the same. It's different to going on holiday, any businessman will tell you that. The enjoyable bit is playing the golf obviously, getting out on the course and playing, you meet a lot of nice people, that's a plus.

"The travelling is the hard bit, week after week, hotels are hotels."

Baker is not really a man to complain too much. He has a ready smile and a warm chuckle, and when the conversation turns to his beloved Wolves side, he starts to really enjoy himself.

"I've been a season ticket holder since I was four," he boasts. "I used to go with my dad. Since then I've missed about four seasons, that's about it.

Improved

"Last season was brilliant. I didn't miss many games, but it's totally different to what we've ever had. It's exciting football, it's entertaining, they're organised, look like they know what they're doing.

"We tried to play a little bit like that with (Stale) Solbakken, and (Mark) McGhee, but you can't turn the players they had into playing that way.

"The players we've got now can play that way. The lads that Nuno has kept, like (Matt) Doherty, he can play that way and he's helped them, improved them."

So what does Baker, a season ticket holder at Molineux for more than 40 years, think of Wolves's controversial link with super-agent Jorge Mendes?

"My opinion on that is you've got to be with the best to be the best," he shrugs. "It's a bit like having the best golf coach, you want to learn from the best."

Miller time, unbeaten record put to the test

DUDLEY'S Josh Miller has no qualms in putting his fledgling unbeaten record on the line when he steps in with Ricky Hatton trained prospect Jake Haigh this month.

The 25-year-old super middleweight has racked up three consecutive wins since turning pro but puts his unbeaten streak on the line against Macclesfield's Haigh in Stoke on October 20. Miller and Haigh clash at the top of BCB promotions' 'Pride of the Potteries' show at King's Hall.

Miller said: "I'm excited. We are both undefeated and these are the fights that I want to be in to test my skills. I think it makes for a great fight."

Miller had 18 amateur fights and won a West Midlands title and a Central England Title before moving into the paid ranks. After making his ring return in July, he is eager to make up for lost time.

As well as Haigh versus Miller, Stoke boxers Nathan Heaney and debutant Cole Johnson are also in action alongside Wolverhampton's Conah Walker and Swadlincote's Midlands Area champion, Connor Parker.

Students get chance to learn art of boxing

WOLVERHAMPTON University students are being given the chance to train with professional boxers.

For just £3 a week, students enrolled at either the city or Walsall campus can train alongside professional fighters with Black Country Boxing (BCB) Promotions, including British champion Jason Welborn, of Rowley Regis and Wolverhampton duo Kyle Williams, an English champion, and 'Black Widow' Lauren Johnson, a former amateur champion turned professional

Fully qualified coaches will deliver the sessions at the BCB HQ in Wharfedale Street, Wednesbury. Johnson, a sports assistant & fitness instructor at the university, said: "This is a wonderful opportunity for students to get fit and learn the art of boxing."

"We are looking forward to working with the students," said BCB's head trainer Paul Mann. Sessions take place from Monday to Friday, from 10am-noon and on Sunday mornings, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Email paul@bcb-promotions.com for more information.

Follow in Joshua's steps? Just Delicious

AN amateur boxer from Wolverhampton is hoping to follow in the footsteps of heavyweight champion Anthony Joshua.

Delicious Orie, a 21-year-old half-Russian, half-Nigerian, is a member of Jewellery Quarter Boxing Club, within Henrietta Street Gym, and juggles his fighting with studying economics and management at Aston University.

He has already trodden in Joshua's path, winning the 2018 Super-Heavyweight Elite Haringey Box Cup, Europe's biggest amateur tournament, which Joshua won in 2009 and 10. He has added the East Midlands Box Cup, and, with 18 wins from 20 bouts, Delicious has become British University champion in 2017 and 18 and England Boxing Development champion.

He said: "Joshua is a huge inspiration and role model for me. He's definitely paving the way for super heavyweights like me."

Jewellery Quarter Boxing Club head coach Mick Maguire said: Delicious' work ethic and talent continues to impress and his accomplishments speak for themselves."

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Glassboys' three goals in first half

Stourbridge 3 Needham Market 1

STOURBRIDGE moved up to third place in the league table after sealing victory with three goals before half-time.

Manager Gary Hackett was quietly pleased, saying: "We created lots of first-half chances but also missed plenty. Callum (Powell) and Kaiman (Anderson) combined well and, although we took our foot off the pedal in the second half, we're on a nice unbeaten league run to keep us in the mix ahead of next week's big cup game".

The Glassboys missed a great chance to take the lead after just 40 seconds when Powell's first time pass into the penalty area found Anderson totally unmarked, but he blazed the ball high over. Robbie Thompson-Brown's 25 yard shot was then collected low by goalkeeper Jake Jessup after 15 minutes and Powell went close again after 25 minutes.

Anderson redeemed himself for his earlier miss by turning provider after 28 minutes and squared the ball for Powell to side-foot home from close range. Anderson then flicked Powell's 31st minute cross just over before forcing a good save from Jessup with a snapshot seconds later. Anderson was on the score-sheet himself when he thumped a loose ball past Jessup from ten yards to double the lead in the 34th minute. Powell grabbed his second goal in first half injury time. The visitors got a scrappy 75th minute consolation goal via Tariq Issa.

Glassboys host Kidderminster Harriers in the FA Cup third qualifying round on Saturday.

Asa on target for Yeltz as Hughes turns goalkeeper

Bedworth 0 Halesowen 1

BATTLING Halesowen got their first away win of the season in Southern Central courtesy of a late Asa Charlton header.

It was all the more pleasing as they had to play 50 minutes with Lee Hughes in goal after Daniel Platt got injured.

Hughes went close with the first chance of the game on 12 minutes, but the ball went over.

Kai Tonge put a ball across the box for Bedworth a minute later, but they failed to capitalise.

Kieran Morris headed a free-kick over the bar for Halesowen on 31 minutes before Platt was injured after a collision and Walsall loanee Tobias Hayles-Docherty came on, with Hughes going in goal.

The second half saw few chances. But the Yeltz got the decisive goal on 88 minutes when Charlton headed in although Hughes was called into action in injury time to make a great save and keep the visitors out.

Yeltz are at home to Rushall Olympic on Saturday.

Jack strikes out for golf success

Golfer and student Jack Severn

GOLFER Jack Severn is on a high after two great results.

The 17-year-old Stourbridge College student won the Worcestershire County Golf under 18s tournament in the summer and followed up by being runner-up in the Midland Golf Union Junior Champion of Champions.

Jack went on to compete in the England Golf Boys' County Champion of Champions tournament and will now head to the Junior European Open qualifiers in Andalucia, Spain, in November.

"I feel this is my time to achieve the best possible results I can as a junior golfer then break into the adult tour," said the Brierley Hill student.

Stourbridge College's golf academy programme is delivered in partnership with the Midland College of Golf. Jack who trains at Cleobury Mortimer Club, is studying a Level 3 sports diploma and believes this has helped to improve his performance.

Jack hopes to build on his 2017 season where he achieved fourth place in the Junior European Open in Spain and qualified for the British Schools and Colleges (BSC) Golf National Finals at Trevose, Cornwall.

"I want to retain my county title and improve on my tournament performances," he said.

VISITORS ARE TOO CLINICAL

Stourbridge 24 Hinckley 33

A CLINICAL performance from the visitors showed why they are top of the table in a real nail-biting match that saw eight tries and two yellow cards

This was, arguably, Stour's best performance of the season, so far. However, they failed to secure any league points in a match that could have gone either way with just 10 minutes left on the clock and the hosts leading by three.

Conditions were perfect for open running rugby and the 395 strong crowd were not to be disappointed. They had to wait more than 20 minutes for the first score, a try from Alex Salt for the visitors. Joe Wilson stroked over the conversion.

Stour had their first points in over 190 minutes of rugby against Hinckley when Jack Lea crashed over and Rickie Aley converted. Lea burst through for his second score and Aley's conversion gave Stour a 14-7 interval lead.

Difficult

It took just eight minutes of the second half for Hinckley to turn it around. Wingman Sam Driver scored out left and Joe Wilson completed a difficult conversion. Straight from the kick off Wilson scored a try of his own and his conversion now edged Hinckley ahead.

Play was halted by a nasty incident that saw Luke Veebel leave the pitch and Hal Riley take a knock on the back of his neck. The visitors saw their second yellow card of the afternoon when replacement Jack Dickinson was ordered off for foul play. Stour opted for a scrum penalty where Nigel Mukarati scored a well-deserved five points. Aley converted to tie the scores then put the hosts ahead with a 70th minute penalty.

However, Hinckley scored two tries in five minutes, through Ryan Hough and Jack Dickinson, the second converted by Wilson, separated by a missed penalty kick opportunity by Stour.

This weekend, Stour make the long journey to Hull Ionians.

Nigel Mukurati crashes over for Stourbridge against Hinckley

Ashfield overcomes setbacks to take title

KINVER'S Chris Ashfield overcame an early crash and a lack of brakes to claim the East Midlands Racing Association title.

After a year of dominating the Minitwins class, the 24-year-old nearly lost it after the final hurdle but recovered to claim the crown.

Ashfield had gone into final round with a 98-point cushion and looked almost certain to win the championship. However, headmitted the campaign almost fell apart when he ran through an oil patch, rendering his front brakes useless.

"My dad somehow managed to re-crimp the brake lines with a set of pipe grips," he said. "The brakes worked but they weren't 100 per cent. Thankfully, the first race was half wet and half dry on track.

"I made the decision to run a wet front tyre and a dry rear.

"The extra grip countered my lack of brakes and it allowed me to win the first race and take the overall championship."

After finding some new brake lines Ashfield went out and won the last race too.

Boys DASH ahead to qualify

YOUNGSTERS from Dudley and Stourbridge Harriers (DASH) headed to Himley Hall for the Dudley Schools Cross Country Championships.

Luke Bailey put on a fantastic sprint at the end in a bid for the top spot, he narrowly missed out and claimed a well deserved second place finish.

Cian Wood and Rhys Lees both out in strong performances and finished in 9th and 10th place. All three boys qualified to represent Dudley in the West Midlands trials.

The following day saw a battle of the Bodins take place at Windsor half marathon. Father and son Darrell and Adam Bodin raced around the 13.1 mile course, the youngest of the two took the victory in his first half marathon.

With a field of more than 3,000 runners; Adam finished in 43rd place in a time of 01:24:25, with Darrell finishing in 75th place in a time of 01:27:00.

The previous weekend, James Wright ran a 34-mile ultra run from Bridge to Bridge Via Port, with an average pace under eight minutes per mile he finished in four hours and 29 minutes, putting him in overall third place but he took the top spot with first senior male.

A group headed to Sutton Park for the 6 Stage Midland Counties Road Relays. As a result of the excellent performances put in by the runners DASH qualified for the national men's six stage road relays at Sutton Park on Saturday. Amongst a strong field DASH 'A' team finished in 29th place in a total time of 02:02:35.

Byfield features on town hall boxing bill

DUDLEY'S Les Byfield lines up for a 'spooktacular' night of boxing at Walsall Town Hall on October 27.

English bantamweight champion Kyle Williams returns for an international eight-round contest on the BCB Promotions bill, while Ryan 'Stewart' Davies, of Oldbury and Burntwood's Troi Coleman are both straight back in action. Danny Ball and Connor Lee Jones feature alongside Central Area heavyweight champion Kash Ali.

Tickets are £35 standard or £65 to include a buffet. Call 0845 111 2900. Fancy dress is welcomed with a Halloween theme.

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